

Reagan blasts new generation of Soviet missiles in Syria

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WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan yesterday condemned the Soviet Union's introduction of a "new generation" of surface-to-surface missiles in Syria — the SS-21.

According to a Defence Department report, the SS-21 has a range of 120 kilometres, some 50 kilometres more than the Frog missile which it replaces.

In Israel last night, a defence official confirmed that the missiles are to be deployed in Syria, but could not say when, where or how many. He added that while the deployment of the missiles is of concern, it was not as worrying as the consistent Soviet supply to the Syrians of the most advanced weapons in the Russian arsenal. The official mentioned the deployment of SA-5 ground-to-air missiles last year, and the supply of MIG-23, MIG-25 and MIG-27 planes.

"We have to wonder aloud about Syrian protestations of their peaceful intentions," Reagan said in his weekly radio address. At the same time, he reaffirmed U.S. support for Israel's security and for last May's Israel-Lebanon peace accord. But his remarks came as other senior U.S. officials were privately complaining about Israel's "retrenchment" in Lebanon and its apparent reluctance to use force again to deter further Syrian advances there.

The Americans, at the highest level of government, are deeply concerned that Syria and its Soviet allies are reading current Israeli attitudes as a sign of weakness and might become emboldened to take further steps to undermine the government of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

Administration officials acknowledged that they had hoped Israel would keep strong military pressure on the Syrians in Lebanon as a means of bolstering the Lebanese government. But Israel's withdrawal from the Shouf mountains, U.S. officials said, encouraged the Syrians and the Soviets to take greater military risks — apparently less concerned about an Israeli response. U.S. officials noted that the single most important deterrent facing the Syrians is the Israeli Army.

The introduction of the SS-21 missile in Syria could lead to an Israeli request for advanced U.S. Pershing ground-to-ground missiles. Israel sought those missiles in 1975, but was not then permitted to purchase them.

Both the SS-21 and the Pershing can carry nuclear warheads, although U.S. officials insisted that the Soviet Union would not be "that crazy" to provide nuclear capability to the Syrians. *The New York Times* yesterday said: "Israel is widely believed to have developed atomic weapons."

The newspaper also noted that both Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens might come to the U.S. next month for high level talks designed to reach agreement on a common U.S.-Israeli strategic approach towards the clearly more ominous developments in the region.

The administration, it added, would like to see Israel take a less hostile attitude toward the supply of U.S. weapons to Jordan and other moderate Arab states which have lately complained about the stepped-up Syrian and Soviet activity in the Middle East.

In his radio address, Reagan sought to explain why U.S. Marines (Continued on back page)

Bank stock to be linked savings; 15-20% in short-term losses seen

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Treasury and Bank of Israel teams met last night to work out the details of Friday's agreement in principle to ease the plight of the country's commercial banks.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange will be closed to trading today. It is expected to remain closed until the details of the agreement are made public.

Holders of bank shares stand to lose between 15 and 20 per cent of their value during the first days of renewed trading on the stock exchange, sources at the Finance Ministry said yesterday.

The public now holds some \$7.5 billion in bank shares, and it is expected that \$1.5b. of this will be liquidated in the short term.

The agreement between the banks and the ministry was first

proposed on behalf of the commercial banks by the general manager of Bank Hapoalim, Giora Gazit, to Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. Gazit's proposal came after a week of expectations of a large devaluation caused a run on bank shares. Last week, the heads of the commercial banks met with Aridor and the Bank of Israel governor Moshe Mandelbaum, warning them that they were reaching a critical situation, having been compelled to purchase some \$150 billion of bank shares from the public, to support this value.

After hearing the banks' proposal, Aridor consulted urgently with his aides and with the heads of the central bank, and concluded that there was an urgent need to intervene. On Friday, the agreement in principle was made public.

The advisory council of the Bank of Israel will meet today to hear about the proposed agreement, and

at the same time Treasury and Bank of Israel teams will work out its final details.

According to the proposal, which most get official approval before taking effect, the value of bank shares will be linked to the dollar. Share holders will be able to obtain this value if they sell after a certain date. The shares will also yield a rate of interest to be set by the banks, the Treasury and the Bank of Israel.

No information is available yet about the proposed baseline of indexing, the minimum time of holding and the rate of return proposed. Nevertheless, it is believed that the linkage will be based on the value of the shares in January, and the minimum holding time will be about 5 years, with a rate of return similar to that of foreign currency accounts at commercial banks.

Another proposal reportedly be-

ing considered is linkage of bank shares to the consumer price index rather than to the dollar.

Holders of bank shares who sell them before the minimum period of holding will not be guaranteed the dollar linkage, but only the market price of their shares on that day. Since according to the proposed agreement, the banks could stop their current practice of supporting the value of their shares, the holder selling may incur a loss. This is expected to reduce the current yield of bank shares.

The Treasury for its part will guarantee the dollar value of the shares being held for the minimum period.

The proposed agreement has introduced further uncertainty into the already confused capital market. Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt yesterday cal-

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Lebanon conciliation try falters

BEIRUT — Attempts to bring Lebanon's warring factions together for political talks yesterday appeared to be losing momentum despite the relative success of a military committee set up to preserve a 12-day-old ceasefire.

Nabih Berri, the leader of the Shia Muslim movement Amal and one of the politicians invited to the talks, said he thought the government wanted any excuse to put off the "reconciliation conference" envisaged under the Saudi-mediated truce.

Lebanese businessman and mediator Rafik Hariri has said the preliminary political talks will be in Beirut, and unofficial media reports said they could start within 48 hours.

Berri told reporters that the time and place had not yet been fixed, even for the preparatory session. He said official procrastination was the only reason he could see for the delay.

The well-informed French-language newspaper *L'Orient-Le Jour* quoted government sources as saying the idea of a preliminary meeting to prepare an agenda was an attempt to sabotage or delay the conference. Lebanese officials were not available to comment on the report.

Despite the apparent deadlock on the political front, the Lebanese army and three militias met again in a security committee designed to prolong the cease-fire.

Meanwhile, U.S. envoy Robert McFarlane held talks with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel. The officials, who met for an hour, issued no statements on their discussion. But state radio said McFarlane briefed the president on U.S. efforts to help set up an international force to police the cease-fire.

Later in the day, Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan appealed for a speed-up in efforts to begin the national reconciliation dialogue and to set up a national coalition cabinet to replace his 10-man cabinet. (Continued on back page)

Egypt says: halt settlement, leave Lebanon

An end to Israeli settlement on the West Bank is Egypt's latest condition for returning its ambassador to Tel Aviv.

During an interview with Kol Yisrael yesterday, Egyptian chargé d'affaires Mohamed Bassiouny said the settlements threatened to create a situation where there would be no territory left in which to institute autonomy. The Egyptians also want to break the impasse in the autonomy talks, which they blame entirely on "Israeli intransigence," and to solve the disagreement over the Tabar border through compromise or arbitration.

Egypt also wants Israel to withdraw from Lebanon regardless of what the Syrians do. Bassiouny said peace for Galilee can be guaranteed by the Lebanese Army, the multinational force and UN troops.

He said that relations between the two countries would be no different if Sadat were alive. President Mubarak has refused to come to Jerusalem, but so did Sadat after the Jerusalem Law was passed.



Shlomo Glickstein wins his seventh consecutive national tennis title on Friday. He retained the singles crown with a 6-2, 7-6 triumph over 17-year-old Amos Mansdorf at the Tel Aviv University courts. (see sports page 7) (Andre Brotman)

New cabinet's first job is to tackle economy

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The cabinet which Yitzhak Shamir intends to present to the Knesset tomorrow morning is expected to start off by tackling the economic issue, with Tami already threatening to quit the coalition if poor families are hurt.

Shamir is at 10 a.m. to present his coalition of the Likud, National Religious Party, Agudat Yisrael, Tami, Tehiya and Independent Knesset Members Haim Druckman and Mordechai Ben-Porat. It is expected to win an absolute — though narrow — majority even without the vote of outgoing Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who is sick, and Tami's Aharon Abuhazzeira who is serving a three-month sentence for theft by working during the day at a police installation.

The economic issue seems to be

the most immediate problem facing the new government and Tami was promised that it would be the first item on the cabinet's agenda.

Tami last night expressed only conditional support for the Treasury's reported plan to cut the government budget — reducing subsidies for essential commodities and limiting cost of living allowance increments.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan (Tami) told *The Jerusalem Post*, that cutting government subsidies was "a must. What's happening now is not normal," he said.

The cuts may be coupled with restrictions on cost-of-living allowance payments which compensate workers for price rises. However, people in the 30 per cent income tax bracket or less would be fully compensated.

French fighters fly to Iraq despite U.S. opposition

PARIS (Reuters) — Five Super Etendard fighters that France has sold to Iraq were on their way to Baghdad after a re-fuelling stop in southern France, France's state-owned radio reported yesterday.

The French Defence and Foreign Ministries refused to confirm or deny the report. They have consistently declined any comment on Iraq's purchase of the French planes despite growing international controversy over the deal.

Iran has threatened to close the strategic Strait of Hormuz if the fighters, which are armed with Exocet missiles, are used against its oil facilities.

France, which was originally expected to deliver the fighters last

month, had delayed the shipment as reports grew of international pressure led by Washington to reconsider the deal.

The U.S. State Department has repeatedly expressed concern that delivery of the planes could prompt Iraq to follow through with its threat to close the strait, at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, cutting off oil supplies to the west.

Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson vowed that France would not renege on its promise of the planes to Iraq. France has said delivery of the planes would give Baghdad greater leverage in its attempts to convince Iran to negotiate an end to the two countries' three-year-old conflict.

Bankers: plan will help stock market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Banking circles yesterday said they thought that the banking agreement, whose particulars are now being worked out with the Finance Ministry, would "add considerable stability to trading on the stock exchange and even make it a more attractive instrument for present and future investments."

Details of the formula were discussed in banking circles late into the night, and the talks will continue today, both in Tel Aviv and in Jerusalem, with representatives of the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Israel.

The general outline will work as follows: The Finance Ministry will guarantee that a "bottom price" will be placed on the shares of the commercial banks that join the scheme. This "bottom price" will be linked to the dollar, and will also bear interest at a fixed rate. The rate, and the "determining date" of this bottom price must still be worked out. Shares may be traded freely, and will not have to be held for any specific number of years.

Bank shares will always remain above this "bottom price," and will be traded as ordinary shares, in line with their market value as determined by the profitability of the banks. Thus anyone holding a bank share, or buying one, will have the same assurance as if he had bought a bond linked to the dollar, with the added advantage that the share can rise in price, but never fall below a certain level.

This system, bankers noted, would allow the banks to stop supporting the price of their shares, thus freeing funds used for this in the past. The money could instead be put into other investments.

The discussions were held with the five largest banks — Leumi, Hapoalim, Discount, Mizrahi and First International — and all five seemed to find the formula agreeable. But the banks are continuing to discuss it, with special emphasis put on the "determining date," with the banks demanding that it be set as last Thursday.

September exports fall 13%

Exports during September declined by 13 per cent compared with September 1982, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced on Friday. Last month's exports totaled \$319 million as against \$369m. in 1982.

This September's exports show \$240m. in industrial goods (not including diamonds), agricultural goods — \$11m. and diamonds — \$69m.

The CBS press communique said that the September export figures are 21 per cent higher than those for August (without diamonds), after eliminating "seasonal factors."

The industrial export figures for September indicate a continuing drop; the Ministry of Industry and Trade said on Friday. It suggested that the decline was in part due to fewer "export days" because of the holidays.

A comparison of exports during the first nine months this year with those last year shows a drop of approximately 5 per cent, the CBS said, from \$3,634b. to \$3,462b. This decline is accounted for by a drop of 8 per cent in industrial exports (excluding diamonds) and of 13 per cent in agricultural exports (including citrus).

Gov't-guaranteed bank shares a 'time bomb'?

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The financial implications of the agreement between the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Israel on the one hand and the commercial banks on the other, will become clear only in a few days. "Until then, we can only make educated guesses which must constantly be revised as new facts become available," says Dr. Yehuda Shenhav, an economist who is also a senior lecturer in business administration at three institutions of higher learning in the Tel Aviv area.

"What does seem likely now is that the formula being reached does not solve the real problems facing the country's economy, but is only a long-range stop-gap instrument," he said. "The real solution is a total overhaul of the country's economy, reducing the standard of living, cutting the national budget, a 'real' devaluation of the shekel, and 'neutralizing' part of the cost-of-living allowance."

Shenhav thought it likely that the agreement will mean a fall in the value of bank shares, but no accurate estimate can be made until the "determining date" of the shares' dollar linkage is announced.

But, not all banks will be affected equally. Leumi, Hapoalim, Discount and Mizrahi, for example, which had been propping up the prices of their shares considerably, might fall farther than those of First International and Maritima, whose shares were allowed to float in line with the law of supply and demand on the stock exchange.

"But what is apparent is that this formula — if the particulars I have heard are correct — turns the bank stocks into 'redeemable shares' supported by the government. This means a 'time bomb' is being constructed, for if the government guarantees their support for a period of say five years, and the real value of the shares falls behind the dollar linkage, the government will have to pick up the tab. And the banking shares are today valued at about \$7.5 billion."

If the government pays this sum, or part of it, it would be tantamount to nationalizing the banks according to Shenhav.

He said that the "run" on the bank shares began about two months ago when the public began to lose faith in them. Lack of faith stemmed from the country's

worsening economic conditions. The banks had to bring in "hundreds of millions of dollars" — no one really knows the exact figure — to support their shares. The pressure on selling bank shares began to build up at the beginning of last week, and this forced the banks to turn to the government for help.

He also noted that the 200 freely traded issues on the share market would now assume a different role. About 100 of them are underpriced and are a reasonable investment; but, the remaining 100 are equally divided between being reasonably priced and overpriced.

Shenhav noted that two weeks ago, he stated that bank shares were in danger, and that no one could predict when the day of judgement would fall, though it even might be within 10 days to two weeks. "But everybody laughed at me. The simple fact is that you can fight the law of supply and demand only so much before the inevitable reaction."

He added that the silver lining to the current stock market cloud is that if bank shares fell to their proper value, the banks could float new issues which the public would buy since the new plateau of bank share prices could restore confidence.

Other predictions that the bank shares would run into trouble were made a few months ago by Euroteam, a financial consultancy firm. At the time, according to Ilan Barzel, one of the firm's partners, "we published figures showing that the shares of most of the banks were overvalued by about 50 per cent. We began advising our clients to move into different investments."

Dan Davly, a certified public accountant, said in an interview published in *The Jerusalem Post* early in July that an "Orwellian 1984" was looming on the horizon. Asked yesterday how he felt about his prediction now, Davly said "I'm not a bit happy." He thought that the solution is to place the financial leadership of the country in the hands of a man who might lack "theoretical training," but who has his feet squarely on the ground.

"David Levy, the deputy prime minister, could pull it off. He has the charisma and the leadership ability. If he became finance minister, he could save the Likud from itself."

BULLETIN

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i last night predicted that the proposed government intervention in bank share prices will reduce the value of the shares by at least one-third, Israel Radio reported. He nevertheless supported the measure, saying it is the only way to avoid nationalization of the banks.

Also last night, the Bank Leumi board concluded a meeting with a cautious endorsement of the plan. It has positive aspects, the directors said, withholding final judgement until the details are worked out.

Netanya back to winning ways

Maccabi Netanya, the National soccer champions, have bounced back into form in cracker-jack fashion. After a fortnight in the doldrums Netanya yesterday defeated Shimonon Tel Aviv 3-2 to notch up their first league points of the season. (See Sports page 7)

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BRUSSELS	8	47	13	56	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	17	63	29	81	Cloudy
CHICAGO	7	45	28	77	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	9	48	13	55	Rain
FRANKFURT	12	54	17	63	Cloudy
GENEVA	11	52	20	68	Cloudy
HELSINKI	4	39	6	43	Cloudy
HONG KONG	28	79	31	88	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	12	52	12	56	Clear
LISBON	14	57	26	79	Clear
LONDON	8	48	12	55	Cloudy
MADRID	12	54	27	81	Clear
MONTREAL	10	50	14	57	Cloudy
NEW YORK	13	56	19	66	Clear
OSLO	4	39	6	43	Rain
PARIS	7	45	17	63	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	18	64	29	85	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	18	64	29	85	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	6	43	18	64	Cloudy
TOKYO	18	64	29	85	Rain
TORONTO	6	43	18	64	Cloudy
VIENNA	11	52	18	66	Cloudy
ZURICH	11	52	20	68	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Hot and dry

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	11	16-29	30
Golan	8	16-30	30
Nabatieh	15	20-30	30
Salaf	8	18-28	29
Haifa Port	65	22-29	30
Tiberias	16	22-33	34
Nazareth	10	19-33	34
Afula	13	13-26	36
Shomron	10	18-31	32
Tel Aviv	24	17-32	32
B-G Airport	32	16-35	35
Jericho	12	14-37	37
Gaza	56	28-36	30
Beer-Sheva	9	19-35	35
Beit	7	23-38	38

IDF soldier wounded

METULLA. — An IDF soldier was slightly wounded on Friday when a hand grenade was thrown at an IDF vehicle in Sidon. IDF forces searched the area.

Envoy Sofer presents credentials in France

PARIS (Reuters). — Ovadia Sofer, Israel's new ambassador to France, presented his credentials on Friday and said afterwards he would be meeting President Francois Mitterrand in the near future for talks on Lebanon.

Sofer, 49, was the permanent representative to the U.S. from 1971 to 1978. He replaces Meir Rosenn, who was posted to Washington last May.

Police jeep torched in Jerusalem protest

A Border Police jeep was set alight and destroyed Friday night in the Katamon district of Jerusalem. Graffiti reading "Free Aze Cohen, Down with the Police" were found in the area of the incident.

Cohen, a neighbourhood activist, was ordered held under arrest for 20 days last week in connection with his alleged attack on policemen two years ago. When the remand was announced, Cohen started shouting at the judge and calling for an uprising of Sephardim against Ashkenazim. (Itim)

Arafat expects fight with Syrians 'within few days'

MOUNT TURBOL, Lebanon. — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat said on Friday that he expected a confrontation with Syrian troops in north Lebanon "within two or three days."

Arafat said he had no intention of leaving and would stay in the area with his fighters and some 40,000 Palestinian refugees.

Syrian forces recently forced hundreds of PLO men out of the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon.

Arafat told reporters the Syrians had brought in two armoured brigades, paratroopers and commandos, totalling about 12,000 men, in addition to troops already in the northern area.

"They have moved to within 200 metres of the (Palestinian refugee) camps," he said, referring to the big Baddawi and Nahr al-Bard camps near the Mediterranean coast below.

He said the Syrians did not interfere against the U.S. fleet when it arrived off Lebanon during the re-

HOME NEWS

'Treasury chiefs should be sacked'

Industrialist wants bankers probed

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The bursting of the bank shares bubble has prompted one of Israel's veteran industrialists to call for the dismissal of the Treasury leadership and for an investigation of the personal finances of all heads of banks.

Yekutiel Federman last night accused Finance Minister Yoram Aridor of "betraying abysmal ignorance of basic economic facts, an ignorance which could bring the national economy to a standstill."

Federman said that the fate of the bank shares threatened Israel's financial "credibility and respectability" at home and abroad.

"But I also blame the directors of the banks for direct responsibility for the shock wave which has ripped through our banking system. The directors should be made personally accountable," the entrepreneur insisted.

"It is a well-known fact that chairmen and managing-directors of Israeli banks have become multi-millionaires because of the system whereby their remuneration is a

function of the bank's stock value and balance-sheet," Federman noted. "The bankers were keen on increasing the value of their banks' shares. Worst of all, perhaps, the fierce competition between one bank and another made them lose all sense of proportion as they drove the prices up and up," he charged.

"There should be a state commission of inquiry into the formation, and the present bursting, of the bank shares bubble," Federman told *The Jerusalem Post*. "Is the personal wealth of the heads of banks made up of the same bank shares as that of the man in the street?"

Federman told *The Post*: "The situation today is a lot scarier and more dangerous than when I warned you in May that 'industry, the vital core of the economy, is on the brink of collapse.'"

He said: "Industry depends on credit lines from abroad to import raw materials and these have to be guaranteed by our banks, but who will have faith in the guarantees of banks which have to be propped up by the Bank of Israel?"

"They talk of a \$7.5 billion prop for the banks from the Bank of Israel. But is Governor Moshe Mandelbaum's signature worth \$7.5b? Is it worth anything when this country has no natural resources but work and initiative and idealism?"

Federman, who described Aridor as "a bungler" in an exclusive interview with *The Post* on May 12, before the economic crisis erupted, said: "All he does this week is to tell people they are exaggerating. Instead of taking stern measures months ago, all he could think of was imposing a travel tax."

He said: "This government has managed to destroy in a short while what it took 29 years of hard work and sacrifice to build up. Guiltiest of all, in my opinion, are the Liberal Party politicians who always preached about the good of the economy, but have sent the economy down the drain while they cling to their seats."

He also warned that the latest signs of financial weakness could gravely affect national security and international relations.

No renovations done yet at Hassan Bek, protesters say

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 300 Arabs attended prayers at the Hassan Bek Mosque in Jaffa Friday morning to protest against what they allege to be the authorities' failure to renovate the rundown mosque, as was promised six months ago.

The Committee for Jaffa's Arabs, which organized what was meant to be a mass demonstration against the authorities, intends to elect a committee "to save Hassan Bek." This committee will hold prayers in the mosque every Friday and organize daily protest actions until the mosque is renovated, Attorney Nussim Shukar of the committee said yesterday.

The mosque's 15-metre minaret collapsed on April 2 this year, and the Ministry for Religious Affairs announced that it had allotted funds to renovate the structure as soon as possible. The Tel Aviv municipality stated it had \$5 million for renovation, but so far nothing has been done.

Wakf chairman Abed Kabub said that government red tape had held up the mosque's renovation. But following pressure from the wakf, funds have finally been transferred to the Public Works Department, and within a week or two, a public tender is due to be published for the job.

Negev settlers, Beduin reconciled

By LIOA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The settlers of Yair, a farming community 20 kilometres northeast of here, and the J'nan Beduin tribe held a reconciliation gathering yesterday afternoon at the tent of Sheikh Farhid Abu al-J'nan.

Over the past week, there have been several incidents of stone-throwing. The Yair settlers appealed to the sheikh for help, but were refused. Finally it was decided

that "the antics of some irresponsible boys," as the sheikh's son put it, should not cause trouble between the two communities.

Last week at nearby Hura, a 13-year-old Beduin girl died and her friend was injured after a hit-and-run road accident.

An American tourist who came to the Arab police station to complain that his car had been stoned was charged with having hit the girls and was released on \$1 million bail on Friday until his trial.

Kohl reaffirms German aid to Egypt

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt and West Germany yesterday agreed to boost bilateral relations, particularly in economic areas, Egyptian Prime Minister Fuad Mubarek said after his meeting with visiting West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The Germans pledged to continue their assistance to Egypt and to help carry out development programmes. Mubarek said West German aid to Egypt is now running at DM 300 million (IS 7.5b.) annually, and

bilateral trade exchanges have increased sixfold over the past eight years.

Kohl's meeting with the Egyptian premier followed talks with President Hosni Mubarak yesterday, which centred on Middle East developments, including Lebanon and the Palestine issue.

Kohl told Mubarak that Western Europe cannot do much to help end the Arab-Israeli dispute unless the Arabs unite among themselves, a German official said yesterday. (AP, Reuters)



Shmuel Rudensky gets Israel Prize

Shmuel Rudensky is the recipient of this year's Israel Prize for dramatic art. He has been given the prize for his life's work on the stage and for his portrayal of a wide range of characters from the earliest days of the theatre in this country, the Ministry of Education and Culture said in announcing the award last night.

Rudensky, who is close to 80, will receive the prize on Independence Day.

He was born in Smargon, near Vilna, then Russia, and immigrated to this country in 1924. After a spell of working as an agricultural and construction labourer, Rudensky joined the Kunkum and Matateh theatrical companies.

Among the parts for which he is widely known is that of Tuvia the Milkman.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP). — Tito Landrum, playing in place of the injured Dan Ford, hit a one-out homer in the 10th inning to end a long, frustrating game that finally fell to Baltimore, 3-0 over the Chicago White Sox, giving the Orioles their sixth American League pennant since 1966.

The Orioles meet either the Philadelphia Phillies or the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series. (Earlier story P.7)

BANK PLAN

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led on the public to keep calm and not to panic.

Treasury sources said yesterday that one of the results of the proposed agreement will be to reduce liquidity in financial markets. They described the step as a "major reform of the capital market."

Until now the holders of bank shares were able to buy and sell at a price stabilized by the banking system. The shares' yield was one of the highest in the economy and put a floor to interest rates throughout the economy.

Now the Treasury expects the public to consider these shares more as savings than as money. It is also expected that the reduction in yield will result in reduced interest rates throughout the economy.

Not everybody in the commercial banking system is in favour of the proposed agreement. According to some reports circulating yesterday, one of the largest banks voiced opposition, since it feared that the move would harm its chances of raising long-term capital on the

stock exchange. The Treasury, for its part, said that it sees this step as a fulfillment of Aridor's promise that he would back the commercial banks to protect the public.

A senior ministry official yesterday said that when making this promise, Aridor was talking about the banking system, not about existing bank share values.

MK Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) yesterday questioned the legality of the Treasury step, while MK Dan Tichon (Liberal), called for an immediate meeting of the Knesset Finance Committee and asserted that the ministry's step required the approval of the committee since it involves a government guarantee of the banks' obligations to the public.

Child shot

GIVATAYIM (Itim). — A seven-year-old child was slightly injured here yesterday when a pistol he had found and was playing with went off. He was treated at Magen David Adom and sent home. Police are investigating to find the pistol's owner.

Canada leads in exporting anti-Semitic literature

OTTAWA (AP). — Canada has become the biggest exporter of anti-Semitic literature to West Germany because of inadequate prohibitions against the dissemination of hate publications, a parliamentary committee was told on Thursday.

The Canadian Jewish Congress told the Commons Committee on Racism that the literature, which is also distributed in Canada, originates from Ernst Zundel of Toronto, under the corporate name Samisdat or Concerned Parents of German Descent.

The literature, which Congress officials said has caused considerable concern in West Germany, denies Nazis killed millions of Jews during World War II. "Canada has earned the unenvi-

able reputation in the Federal Republic of Germany as the major source of neo-Nazi materials entering that country," a CJC brief said.

One problem with existing criminal code prohibitions against hate literature is that it must be proven the disseminator was "wilfully" trying to promote hatred, said the brief.

The CJC recommended the code be amended so the courts do not have to prove there is a "specific intention to promote hatred" and that the law be amended to state clearly that dissemination of such material through the mails is illegal. They also urged that it become a criminal offence to deny that certain groups experienced persecution, if such a denial is designed to promote hatred, France has such legislation.



Elderly residents of Jerusalem's Katamon Het quarter attend cornerstone ceremony Friday for a new senior citizen shelter, to be built through a \$3 million contribution by German-speaking Swiss Jewry under Project Renewal. The shelter will be located on a 3,000 square metre plot within a park at Rehov Berger, corner Hashomer. It is scheduled for completion in 1985. (Scoop 80)

Defendants in libel suit say Lorincz has no 'good name'

"MK Shlomo Lorincz does not have a good name among Tora scholars, nor among the ultra-Orthodox community in Jerusalem or among the broader public," argued attorneys for a Jerusalem local newspaper in a defence statement submitted on Friday to Jerusalem District Court.

The defence was submitted by the weekly *Kol Yerushalayim*, and its publisher *Yediot Aharonot* in response to a suit by Lorincz demanding that they pay him IS5 million damages for libel.

Lorincz's suit was in response to an article published in the weekly on July 8, 1983, which carried a photocopy of a letter presumably sent to Lorincz by the head of the Agudat Yisrael school system. In the "letter" the director thanked Lorincz for his role in assuring the success of a fund-raising dinner organized in the U.S. It said that a cheque for IS130,000 was enclosed to cover expenses and that payment of a fee of 60 per cent of the money

raised at the dinner would be sent to Lorincz once the account was finalized.

In his suit, Lorincz said that the letter is a forgery and that the article accompanying it "debased him before the public and greatly damaged his reputation as a respected and well-known member of the Knesset."

The defence statement said that Lorincz does not have a good name and therefore has no right to sue and has no compensation coming to him for defamation of his good name or public standing.

Yediot Aharonot and *Kol Yerushalayim* went on to say that the article in question was not a libelous publication but "a humorous treatment of a document that seemed genuine and whose authenticity there was no reason to suspect."

They said that the document was of public interest, was published with honest intent and therefore was protected and permitted by the libel law. (Itim)

Soviet Jewish children write Reagan

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Two Soviet Jewish children appealed to President Reagan on Friday to help their family emigrate to Israel and asked if they could meet him one day in the White House.

In a letter to the president, Misha and Kira Kondrashina said they had been waiting for four years for exit visas and wanted to live in a country where they could speak Hebrew and "mark the Jewish Sabbath in a proper way."

"We also want to visit America so we can see the Walt Disney cartoon films," the letter said. "We would

also like to come to see you."

Misha is nine years old and his sister Kira 10. Their mother, Inna Brokhina, who showed a copy of the letter to western reporters, said she had been unable to obtain a proper job since she asked to emigrate in 1979.

The two children, who said they wrote the letter unaided, reminded Reagan that Soviet President Yuri Andropov had invited an American schoolgirl to Moscow earlier this year.

They urged Reagan to ask them to Washington in return.

Spain to sound out Arabs on ties with Israel

MADRID (AP). — Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Moran plans to sound out Arab leaders for their reactions to Spain's possible establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel, diplomatic sources said Friday.

Moran has scheduled a trip to Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates for December 11-17, Foreign Ministry sources said.

Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez has indicated that ties with Israel are in the offing, but has said that they depend on a "satisfactory solution of the Palestinian problem."

On a visit to Spain earlier this year, Alignment leader Shimon Peres said he believed relations would be established between the two countries by the end of the year.

Jewish doctor rejects swastika tattoo patient

SAN JOSE, California (AP). — Friends of an appendicitis patient say they are considering legal action against a Jewish doctor who refused to treat the man because he had a swastika on his arm.

Dr. Jason Balaban said he referred John Brickell to another physician at Santa Teresa Hospital because he found it difficult "to appropriately evaluate patients with swastika tattoos."

"I told him that the tattoo has

nothing to do with Hitler," Brickell, 24, said of the tattoo — a swastika with a skull above it.

"I'm not into any of that Nazi Germany stuff," Brickell added. "I tried to explain it to him. The tattoo is a symbol of white power."

Santa Teresa Hospital officials said that Brickell "was not denied treatment. He was medically evaluated and referred to a specific surgeon."

Settlers charged with demolishing Arab building

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Jerusalem district attorney on Friday charged four Jewish settlers from Kiryat Arba with illegally demolishing an Arab building under construction in Hebron, Israel. Radio reported.

Aharon Domp, Shimon Shalom and Rafael Hoenig were accused of "wilfully and unlawfully

destroying" an uncompleted building near Kiryat Arba on July 25. The structure belonged to Abdel-Hafez Jaabari, a member of one of Hebron's most distinguished families.

The fourth defendant, former Kiryat Arba council chairman Shalom Wach, was accused of instigating the demolition.

Police renew investigation of church burning

Jerusalem police detectives are about to launch a new investigation into last year's burning of a local Baptist church. The inquiry is expected to continue for some time, police say, and at its conclusion it will be decided whether to persist in the detective work or to close the case.

The two suspects that police arrested shortly after the church went up in flames were released within a few days. Since then, investigations have concentrated on all matters that had any connection whatsoever with the church. Various organizations and individuals around the world have aided the police in their work.

In the meantime, the local Baptist community has been holding services in a temporary shelter made of metal sheeting and canvas. A special bank account opened by the Jerusalem municipality to help collect contributions for a new church has accumulated \$4,000, Baptist leaders said. (Itim)

Youth stabbed over bike

BAT YAM (Itim). — A 16-year-old youth here was stabbed in the chest on Friday afternoon during a fight with a friend over whose motorbike was better, police said. The youth is hospitalized in fair condition in Holon's Wolfson Hospital, and police have arrested a suspect.

Police admit Canadian had right to complain

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv police have admitted that they did not properly handle the case of a Canadian tourist who arrived in Israel on the tracks of a man who robbed him of \$100,000 worth of diamonds in Germany.

Bernard (Baruch) Klay, 67, complained that he had been treated "rudely and brusquely" by the Tel Aviv police. (The full story appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday.) The two police officers he had been referred to did not want to discuss the matter with him as soon as they heard the robbery had been committed in Germany. Klay said, "They did not even ask me to sit down. When I insisted on talking to them, one of them took out yoghurt and a sandwich and told me to leave, because he was eating lunch," he said.

A Tel Aviv police spokeswoman said that after examining the case, it was determined that the police should have taken a statement from Klay, even though the crime was committed in Germany. She said the men who handled Klay would be advised of what they should have done.

"However, it must be noted that according to the policemen who talked to Klay, he said harsh things about Israel and the Jewish people, and the policemen showed extreme self-restraint despite this," she said. By law, a person may file a complaint with the police about any offence committed abroad which would be an offence had it been committed in Israel if the alleged perpetrator is an Israeli or if other conditions connecting the offence to Israel are met.

2 killed, 2 hurt in Wadi Ara crash

WADI ARA (Itim). — Two persons were killed and two others injured in a road accident here yesterday morning. The names of those involved in the accident were not released.

On Friday afternoon, two Israelis serving at the embassy in Cairo were brought to Soroka hospital in Beersheba after being injured in a road accident in Sinai. The injured persons were Yael Foni and Rivka Asar.

Yitzhak Paz, Magen David Adom's southern region director, said that the station at Eshkol in the western Negev received a call from the Rafah border post saying that an Israeli car bearing diplomatic plates was involved in an accident two hours' drive from the border.

In 145 road accidents throughout the country last week, five people were killed and 143 injured, 74 of them seriously.

Haifa municipality brochure banned as election material

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Meir Shamgar, chairman of the National Municipal Election Committee on Thursday banned further distribution of a booklet produced by the city at the cost of IS2.5 million on the grounds that it constituted blatant election propaganda for incumbent Mayor Arye Gurel of the Alignment.

Shamgar, a Supreme Court Justice, was highly critical of the Haifa Municipality's action, which he said was contrary to the principles of proper civil administration. Under the election law, it is illegal for public money to be used to promote any party or candidate.

His ruling followed complaints about the 70-page brochure by the Shinui Party's candidate for mayor in the coming elections, Prof. Judith Naot.

The municipality maintained that the booklet, which already has been distributed to more than 50,000 homes in the city, is produced at the end of every administrative term to highlight the achievements of the outgoing city council, and was not connected with the elections.

RUMANIAN. — Rumanian Prime Minister Constantin Dăscălescu arrived in Jordan yesterday for an official three-day visit, the official Jordanian news agency said.

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Big brush fire forces Haifa families to flee

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Scores of families were evacuated from their homes early Friday morning when a huge brush fire, threatening buildings in the residential Ahuza-quarter on Mount Carmel. No one was injured, but dozens of homes were damaged by smoke.

Fire chief Moshe Wardi said that the blaze was caused by a picnicers' bonfire which had not been properly extinguished.

One house, belonging to Dr. Nofal Wydra, head of the Israel Shipping Research Institute and a professor of maritime studies at Haifa University, was badly damaged.

The blaze, which started in Wadi Ahuza, was fanned by strong easterly winds and quickly spread towards homes on Vitkin, Lachish and Harofeh streets.

The alarm was raised by a police patrol. Dozens of police, civil guards and border police were sent to the area and immediately began evacuating families in buildings nearest the fire.

Wardi said 35 firemen with 16 engines fought the blaze and brought it under control within three hours. Between 50 to 100 dunams of trees and brush were destroyed in addition to the property damage, he estimated.

Hot, dry weather led to the outbreak of fires in the Sharon and Galilee over the weekend, and strong

winds spread the flames, keeping firemen busy for many hours, him reported.

Fire fighters in Hadera were summoned to put out at least 29 fires in wooded areas. It took them all day yesterday to bring a blaze in the Hadera forest under control.

Near Beit Oren, natural woodland went up in flames, and near Amikam, natural pastureland was destroyed.

At least 13 fires broke out in the Sharon over the weekend, most of them in farming areas. A pine grove near Moshav Yashuv was burned down despite the four-hour effort of Kfar Sava firemen to save it. In Kfar Sava, firemen got equipment and lumber out of a carpentry shop before fire destroyed it. The shop owner was taken to Meir Hospital in a state of shock after seeing his property go up in smoke.

Crop fires also broke out in Upper Galilee over the weekend.

Fires destroyed 31 of the 68 farms of Moshav She'ar Yashuv in Upper Galilee over the weekend. They broke out Friday noon and were whipped up by winds from the east until yesterday morning. Fire brigades from Kiryat Shmona and Hatzor Haglilit fought the blaze and kept it from reaching dwellings in the village. Most of the farms were not insured. The moshav has been in severe economic straits, and it is feared that the fires have in effect wiped it out.

There were also fires at Dafna and Hagshirim.

Sharir opposes closing Awali River line to vehicles

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir opposes closing the crossing points along the IDF's Awali River line to vehicles. Such a move might cause the partition of Lebanon, he warned.

Senior officers in the defence establishment advocate such a closure to lessen the danger of attacks on Israeli forces.

Visiting here over the weekend to support the Likud candidate for

mayor, Sharir said that the question has yet to be presented to the cabinet.

He said that at today's cabinet meeting, he will ask for discussion of reports that Lebanon may annul its agreement with Israel.

As to anticipated economic changes, Sharir said there would be none until a new government takes over.

He also said that subsidization of basic commodities has gone too far. Only the well-to-do and animals benefit from it now, he said.

Eight of 100 marriages will end in divorce

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Unless the current trend changes, eight out of every 100 marriages in Israel this year will end in divorce within 10 years.

This and other observations on Israel's domestic life are contained in the new *Statistical Yearbook*, scheduled for publication in a few weeks. Short-term marriages — those lasting less than 24 months — are decreasing in number, according to the *Yearbook*. While such "newlywed divorces" constituted 23.5 per cent of all divorce proceedings in 1960, they fell to 20.5 per cent in 1970 and to a mere 13.2 per cent by 1981.

A breakdown of the figures for 1981 shows that 64 per cent of the 4,200 Jewish couples who broke up in divorce that year had children aged up to 17, and almost 12 per cent of the couples were parents of three or more children.

The statisticians also found that the presence of children is playing a gradually diminishing role in discouraging couples from divorce. For example, in 1960, less than 43 per cent of the married couples parting ways were parents. But 10 years later — in 1970 — more than 47 per cent of the divorcing couples were parents of children. Between 1960 and 1981 the number of divorcing couples with three or more children almost doubled.

Contradictions lead to release on bail

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Contradictory evidence by two policemen led to the release on Friday of Yusuf Nashaf, 20, of Taiba.

He and six others had been ordered held until the end of their trial in the Netanyahu Magistrates Court on a charge of throwing stones at border policemen on patrol in the village last month.

Nashaf appealed to the Tel Aviv District Court, which released him on IS12,000 bail because it could not decide which of two contradictory statements by border

policemen concerning Nashaf's behaviour was correct. There is no way of knowing which of the two will be accepted by the Netanyahu court, the district court ruled.

But Judge Arye Even-Ari rejected the statement by Nashaf's attorney that the Netanyahu judge had exaggerated the importance of stone-throwing, which the attorney claimed must be understood in the context of nationalist feeling in the Arab community. The courts must protect police from stone-throwers, whether their motives are political or religious, Even-Ari said.



Among those present last week at the inauguration of a park in the San Simon quarter of Jerusalem commemorating the Palmah battalion that captured the area in 1948 were (left to right) battalion commander Mulla Cohen; Mayor Teddy Kollek; former president of the Technion and Palmah brigade commander Aluf. (res.) Amos Horev; and former head of military intelligence and currently professor at the Hebrew University Aluf (res.) Yehoshafat Harkabi. (Rahamim Israeli)

Burg attacks Aguda on delaying gov't

The delays in forming a new government, and particularly the actions of Agudat Yisrael, were "unfair, illogical and against principles of good government," Interior and Police Minister Yosef Burg said on Kol Yisrael's weekly newsreel yesterday.

He said the government should have been established immediately on the same principles and with the same personalities as the outgoing government.

If anything was promised to Agudat Yisrael, the nature of those

promises should be revealed, Burg insisted. But he doubted that there were any promises, since political deals would be exposed in the Knesset and promises of money would come out in the Knesset Finance Committee.

Asked how long he thinks the new government will last, he said he is not in the life insurance business and does not have actuarial tables. "If members of the Knesset keep presenting ultimatums and if internal friction continues, the government will not last long," he said.

Customs man suspect in Shouf gunrunning plot

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A customs inspector on the Lebanon border was brought to Tel Aviv Magistrates Court on Thursday on suspicion that he participated in a plot to smuggle military equipment to Druse forces in the Shouf by concealing them in crates of food.

Nahad Barakat, 25, a partly disabled Israel Defence Forces veteran, is accused of having negotiated to smuggle arms to Lebanese Druse last January. The police say that the deal did not work out, and that Barakat failed to report on the plan despite his knowledge of its existence and the intended destination of the arms.

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German social workers seek light for blind in Israel

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHY SHOULD a German organization for the blind choose to bring Asian rehabilitation professionals to Israel for a training seminar?

"Because Israel is uniquely situated between the Orient and the Occident, has a mixed ethnic composition and its problems with regard to the handicapped are similar to those in Asia only on a thousand times smaller scale," Wolfgang Stein, the overseas director of the Christoffel Blindenmission, which funded the seminar at Haifa University, told *The Jerusalem Post* last week.

In addition, it is cheaper to bring the 12 participants, from India, the Philippines, Singapore and South Korea to Israel than to Europe, and the mission has its own guest house in Haifa, where they are put up at low cost.

The eight-week seminar, which will cover academic study as well as working visits to Israeli institutions for the blind and handicapped, is run by the university's Centre for Rehabilitation and Human Development, which is part of its School for Social Work. And that is one more reason for the Israel venue, because the school's director, Dr. Yehzekel Thaler, has 15 years of practical experience behind him, from his former post with the

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

The seminar is the second of its kind, and Stein said that the Blindenmission intends to make it an annual event.

The Christoffel organization, based in Bensheim near Frankfurt, is a Protestant mission, established 20 years ago with the dual objectives of educating and rehabilitating the handicapped and the prevention of blindness and cure of eye diseases. It has no church affiliation and receives no government funds, and since Stein stressed that it started operating in Israel in 1970, it has refrained from any missionary activities here.

THIS YEAR, the mission's private donors have contributed the very considerable sum of DM70m., which is helping to finance the more than 700 projects it operates in 91 developing countries. Its staff of 200 professionals, over 60 per cent of whom come from countries other than Germany, includes ophthalmic surgeons, nurses, educators and rehabilitation experts.

In this country, it is currently extending financial aid totalling DM2m. to projects, some of them in the areas beyond the Green Line. "But there is no need for us to send professionals to Israel," Stein smiled. They recently acquired a small

Ex-Teheran Jews sue Iran, Khomeini and Israel for \$5m.

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A damage suit totalling \$4,750,000 was filed in district court here on Friday against the government of Iran and its leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The suit was filed by the Dastar family, Iranian Jews formerly of Teheran now living in Israel.

One of the plaintiffs, Mordechai Dastar, said he worked as a public relations adviser in the Israeli Embassy in Teheran from 1970. When the Islamic revolution broke out in 1979, he and his family were forced to go underground to save their lives. Only after five months in hiding did they succeed in escaping to Israel, leaving all their possessions behind.

In those sections of the suit directed against the Iranian authorities, the Dastars demand in-

demnity for their lost property (\$750,000); physical and mental suffering (\$2 million); loss of civil rights (\$1 million); and loss of Iranian pensions, insurance schemes and medical policies (\$1 million).

Shmuel Saadia, an attorney representing the Dastars, said that they could not go to Iran to sue the government there, because "it would be like committing suicide."

In addition to the claims made on Iran, the Dastars are also suing the State of Israel. They charge that Israel did not carry out its responsibilities in arranging for their evacuation from Iran earlier. The family also demanded that they be designated former prisoners of Zion, with all the financial and other benefits of that status.



Aluf Bar-Kochba

Bar-Kochba heads Southern Command

Aluf Moshe Bar-Kochba, former commander of the Armoured Corps, took over as OC Southern Command at a ceremony on Friday morning at Southern Command headquarters.

Bar-Kochba entered the camp at 11 a.m. and reviewed an honour guard. The outgoing OC Southern Command, Aluf Haim Erez, who has been appointed quartermaster-general, received him after the review of the guard.

At a short parting ceremony for Erez and reception for Bar-Kochba, attended by Aluf David Maimon, president of the military court of appeals, and senior officers of Southern Command units, the oldest member of the Southern Command staff, Aluf Mishne Ben-Ju, told Erez: "The main features of the two years of your command were calm and cool-headedness, displayed especially at the time of the evacuation of Yamit, in the consolidation of the new line after the withdrawal from Sinai and in day-to-day work."

After the ceremony, the two generals met with Negev Beduin notables and with a unit of Beduin trucks.

Sheikh Ali Abu Rabi'a wished Bar-Kochba success in his new post and said: "We hope peace will reign in our region and that the flag of peace will be raised high for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the region." (Itim)

Man wounded during Haifa police raid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A man was shot in the shoulder by a policeman during a struggle when police raided a flat in Rehov Hakishon in the Nesher quarter of the city on Thursday on the track of an escaped prisoner. Haifa district police commander Meshulam Amit has appointed a senior officer to investigate the circumstances of the shooting.

Police had earlier received information that the escapee, 21-year-old Shabtai Mizrahi, whom they found in the flat with his brother Shlomo, 20, and the apartment owner, was armed and dangerous.

According to police sources, Mizrahi, aided by the two other men, resisted arrest and during the ensuing melee, his brother was shot in the shoulder.

private hotel on Mt. Carmel, which they turned into a guest-house where their staff members can have a fortnight's holiday on their way home from their work in Asia and Africa. This also gives them the chance to see the Holy Land.

The mission has been cooperating with the Israeli Labour and Social Affairs Ministry since it funded an innovative rehabilitation centre for all types of handicaps in Hadera a decade ago. This has been a model for similar institutions in other countries. It deals with up to 200 persons annually, assessing their capabilities and evaluating their vocational skills to help them become self-supporting again in the shortest possible time.

STEIN, a 53-year-old social worker who specialized in blind education, is also president of the International Council for Education of the Visually Handicapped, which has its offices in Bensheim, as well.

He said the developing countries have a tremendous blindness problem, with eight to 10 million blind people in India alone. Very few are congenitally blind. "We estimate that 80 per cent have become blind needlessly, due to poverty, lack of medical facilities, ignorance and negligence." Furthermore, about 80 per cent of the blind in the developing countries live in rural areas and the mission is strongly op-

posed to bringing them to urban ghettos to eke out a pitiful existence weaving baskets or rugs, preferring to train them to go back to farming jobs they had before they lost their sight.

Thanks to modern rehabilitation methods, the blind can pursue almost all professions and vocations, with a few obvious exceptions, said Stein, and it was necessary to break away from the stereotype of "jobs the blind can do" — weaving in the Orient and operating switchboards in the West. In his own country, there is a blind high court judge.

Israel, according to Dr. Yehuda Schiff, administrative head of the Labour Ministry's rehabilitation services, has some 6,000 to 7,000 blind people, most of them over 50, from Oriental countries, and only about 50 war-blinded. The trend here is towards computer programming and a variety of professions. Haifa University has a blind lecturer.

THE CHRISTOFFEL mission, said Stein, used to bring some professionals from the developing countries to Germany for advanced training. But it did not work, because the conditions were so different. They often ended up asking for some sophisticated equipment which would be virtually useless in

their own countries where often there was not even electricity to power them.

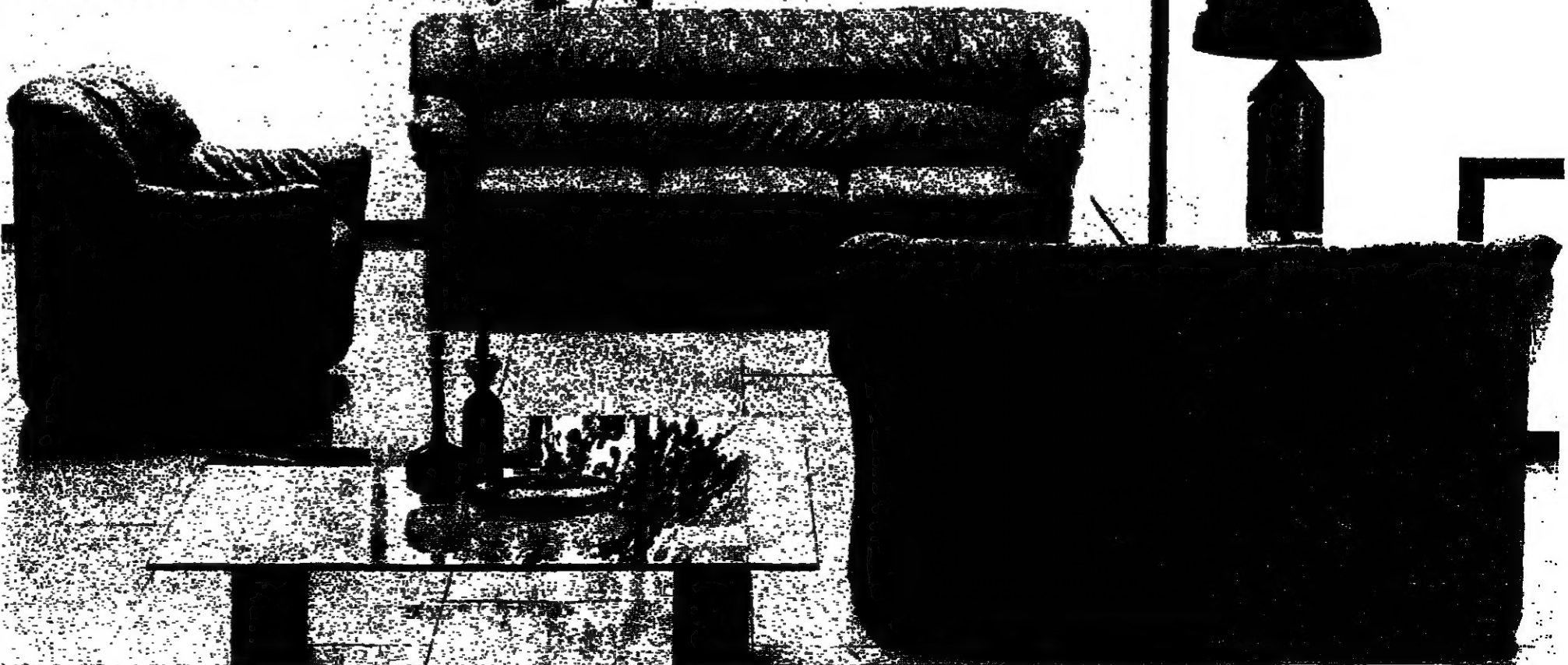
"We now teach them in their own countries, which is adequate and appropriate to their needs." But bringing some to Israel, "where two worlds meet" and conditions have a bearing on their own is practicable.

He is currently promoting a programme for preventing blindness through the training of paramedical in the developing countries, "because you don't need qualified doctors to diagnose and treat simple trachoma," which is the main cause of blindness there.

The mission is named after a German Protestant pastor, Ernst Christoffel who, having trained himself in rehabilitating the blind, spent the rest of his life at this work, first in Turkey and later in a remote part of Iran, where he died in 1955, aged 79.

Stein considers helping the blind and handicapped "not only our moral and ethical duty, but an economic necessity. Ten per cent of mankind handicapped, and we can not afford to let so much manpower go idle and force them to waste their lives and skills." Moreover, "It should be a burden on our hearts to see so many people deprived of so many of their human rights, including the right to work and live in dignity."

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CEREMONY. — Representatives of the French Embassy in Israel, the French Consulate in Jerusalem and the Jerusalem Municipality were present at a ceremony naming a street in Jerusalem's Beit Hakerem neighbourhood after the late Benjamin Cohen-Abaronov, who served as a secretary and press attaché in the French Consulate in Jerusalem until his death in 1976.

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Nicaragua protests attack close to Costa Rica border

MANAGUA, (AP). — Rebels attacked a Nicaraguan post at the Costa Rican border with rifles and mortars Friday night, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Junta coordinator Daniel Ortega said that an attack earlier in the day of the same post came from Costa Rican territory and was supported by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

The ministry's statement also said that two unidentified airplanes flew over El Naranjo border post five minutes before the 9:45 p.m. Friday attack but were driven back to Costa Rica "from where they came" by government anti-aircraft artillery fire.

The statement made no mention of casualties from either side.

The Foreign Ministry said the Friday night attack on the post 110km. south-east of Managua came from Costa Rican territory where the anti-government Revolutionary Democratic Alliance is based.

The alliance, known by its Spanish initials as *Arde*, is headed by Eden Pastora, a hero of the Sandinista revolution that overthrew the late rightist strongman Anastasio Somoza in July, 1979. Pastora broke with the Sandinistas over their increasingly close ties to the Soviet Union and Cuba.

The ministry said it sent a diplomatic note to Costa Rica to protest against the attack.

The Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry said on Thursday that 300 rebels were massed inside Costa Rica for an imminent attack on the border town of Penas Blancas, about 145 kilometres south of here.

Nicaragua appealed to Costa Rica "to do everything possible to prevent the attack" and "avoid bloodshed."

The Costa Rican government said it had increased security at several border points following the Nicaraguan request.

Costa Rican Minister of Public Security Angel Edmundo Solano, who travelled to the border to talk with officials, said "Costa Rica will remain neutral in the conflict."

The Public Security Ministry has about 700 border guards reinforced by the rural assistance guard, the government said. Costa Rica has no army.

Nobel dissenter reportedly retracts criticism of Golding

STOCKHOLM (AP). — The head of the Swedish Academy said on Friday that member Artur Lundkvist, critical of the academy's choice for the Nobel Prize in literature, "has beaten a retreat" and acknowledged that William Golding was a worthy winner.

Lundkvist told journalists that Golding was "hardly in Nobel Prize class" and that he himself had been the victim of a "coup" by which Golding was unfairly voted winner of the 1983 literature award.

But Lars Gyllenstein, permanent secretary of the academy, said on Friday that Lundkvist had backed off from his dissenting position.

"Last night I was in contact with Lundkvist to find out what he actually said," said Gyllenstein. "He has beaten a retreat and acknowledged that Golding is worthy of the prize. He also admitted that there has been no 'coup' against him and his choice."

Lundkvist was quoted in *Dagens Nyheter* as saying that he favoured French philosopher and novelist Claude Simon for the prize. But Gyllenstein denied that, saying Lundkvist "had another first choice than Golding, but not Simon." Matthew Evans, chairman of Faber and Faber, Golding's publisher, said: "It is preposterous for the man to say Mr. Golding is of little interest outside Britain."

He noted that Golding's most famous work, *Lord of the Flies*, has sold 4.5 million copies, 3.5 million outside Britain.

East German 'defects' in his sleep

HELMSTEDT, West Germany (AP). — While others risk life and limb to flee over the Communist "death strip," an East German hitchhiker made it across in his sleep aboard a West German trailer truck, border police said on Friday.

The 17-year-old apprentice crept into the trailer while it was parked at an East German rest stop along the Berlin autobahn Wednesday evening. He only wanted a ride to Magdeburg, but fell asleep enroute and woke up after the truck had crossed into West Germany, border guards said.

Neither East German nor West German border guards discovered the youth when checking the westward-bound truck at the Helmstedt frontier crossing.

Only when the vehicle stopped near the first West German town across the border for fuel did the truck driver discover his stowaway passenger.

Border police quoted the youth as saying he did not want to return to East Germany because he was afraid Communist authorities would not believe his story and would press charges against him.

BETJEMAN. — Britain's poet laureate Sir John Betjeman, 77, left Brompton hospital in London on Friday after recovering from a serious heart attack 12 days ago.



A line of dollar depositors stretching two blocks waits outside a bank in Buenos Aires on Thursday to withdraw money after the Argentine government issued a law suspending payment of fixed-term deposits in foreign currencies for 60 days. (UPI telephoto)

U.S. experts think Soviets failed to identify airliner

NEW YORK (AP). — U.S. intelligence experts on Friday said they found no indication that the Soviets knew the civilian identity of the South Korean airliner before it was shot down by a Soviet fighter plane on September 1. *The New York Times* reported.

The daily quoted the intelligence sources, who were not named, as saying that most U.S. intelligence specialists are now sure, after reviewing all available evidence, that the Su-15 was below and behind the airliner when it fired its rockets.

The expert, speaking in interviews with the paper last week, said that given the difficulty of identifying a plane from below, they believed the pilot did not know what type of plane he was shooting at in Soviet airspace.

"The informants said the experts had reached general agreement that the Soviet air defence force had displayed a poor capacity to intercept aircraft in Soviet airspace, to distinguish between commercial and military aircraft and to identify a plane before shooting it down," *The Times* wrote.

Deputy White House press secretary Les Janka, asked by *The Times* for a comment, would only say, "We don't talk about intelligence or intelligence reporting."

At the UN a Soviet official indicated that his government still believes the Korean airliner was a spy plane.

Vladimir Petrovsky, a Soviet Foreign Ministry disarmament expert, was pressed at a news conference to say whether the downing of the plane, which killed 269 people, was a mistake.

"That was a very tragic event," he replied. "But of course the responsibility for these matters lies with those who organized the plane." He said a large U.S. intelligence operation was under way in the area.

Calf gets new type of artificial heart

SALT LAKE CITY (AP). — A calf was "doing very nicely" on Thursday at the University of Utah medical centre two days after receiving an improved version of the artificial heart, officials said.

The two-month-old Holstein calf, named Johnny, received a polyurethane heart similar to the one which sustained the life of Burney Clark for 112 days after being implanted in landmark surgery last year, said medical centre spokesman John Dwan.

The new heart is smaller than the first pioneering Utah heart, but "pumps the same amount of blood as a larger heart... this is the first time we've implanted this heart in an animal," Dwan said. Because the new heart is smaller, it might be suitable in the future for transplanting in more types of people, he said.

The new heart, called the Utah 100, is three centimetres longer, two centimetres thinner and two centimetres narrower than the Utah Heart, which is 30 centimetres in height and has a girth of 38-39 centimetres across both ventricles.

Major U.S. airline lifts bankruptcy threat

MIAMI (Reuters). — Eastern Airlines withdrew a threat to declare itself bankrupt after three major unions agreed to financial concessions on Friday.

Details of the concessions remained to be worked out, Eastern chairman Frank Borman and union leaders said at a joint news conference. Borman had threatened to declare the airline bankrupt on October 12 unless its 37,500 employees agreed to a 15 per cent wage cut. He lifted that threat on Friday.

Both sides said they would follow the advice of outside analysts on how to turn Eastern, which says it is the largest passenger carrier in the U.S., out of its financial nosedive.

The airline reported earlier that it had lost \$34.4 million in the third quarter of 1983, bringing its total losses so far this year to \$128.9m. Losses in the first nine months of 1982 amounted to \$87.1m.

N. Ireland manhunt for killers of 2 policemen

BELFAST (AP). — British Security forces mounted a major dragnet on Friday around the coastal resort of Downpatrick for terrorists who shot and killed two middle-aged police reservists in an alley in a night-time ambush in Northern Ireland.

"I doubt if they had time to reach for their guns," said a senior police commander of his colleagues.

Argentina jails former Falklands military governor

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Argentine Brig. Gen. Mario Menendez, former military governor of the Falkland Islands who surrendered to British forces ending a 74-day war, was placed under arrest by the army on Friday, members of his family said.

The general's mother said that her son, who recently published a book on his 1982 war experiences, had been arrested and taken to an army base at Magdalena, 100 kilometres south of Buenos Aires, to serve a 60-day sentence. She said the arrest apparently has something to do with his book.

Menendez's book, *Malvinas, Testimony of their Governor*, appeared on newsstands two weeks ago. In it, he maintained that the Argentine surrender was "honourable" and was a result of his decision "to avoid an unknown number, perhaps an indeterminate (number) of deaths that would not have had a later justification regarding the result of the battle."

Turkish papers report defection of Soviet general

ANKARA (AP). — A Soviet general, dressed in his uniform, crossed the Turkish-Soviet border by foot and asked for political asylum here, it was reported yesterday.

The Istanbul dailies *Hurriyet* and *Gunaydin* both said the identity of the defector was being kept secret by authorities.

There was no official comment on the report. There also was no indication as to when the reported defection took place.

The papers said the general was first brought to the provincial capital of the eastern Turkish province of Erzurum for a debriefing. Later he was taken to Ankara, they said. *Gunaydin* said the general had asked to speak to an official from a western country.

Hurriyet said it was the first such defection to Turkey in 35 years. Turkey has a heavily fortified 640-kilometre frontier with the Soviet Union.

In Bonn, the newspaper *Bild* Zeitung reported that a high-ranking Polish diplomat and secret service officer has defected to West Germany.

Interior Ministry officials said they knew of no such defection, but informed West German sources noted that a secretary at the Polish Embassy asked for political asylum four weeks ago.

Police can 'shoot to kill' in disturbed Indian province

NEW DELHI (AP). — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government has empowered Punjab state police to "shoot to kill" in a sweeping crackdown on Sikh militants waging a bloody campaign for greater autonomy.

Following a new outbreak of violence in which Sikh extremists murdered six Hindus, the central government on Thursday dismissed the Punjab state government and took direct control of the riot-torn northern region.

On Friday, it declared Punjab and Chandigarh, its capital, "disturbed areas." The government authorized police to search houses and arrest suspected Sikh agitators without warrants.

President Zail Singh issued special orders enabling police above the rank of sub-inspector to "shoot to kill" lawbreakers and "destroy" suspected hideouts for "armed gangs or absconders wanted for any offence."

In addition, gatherings of more than five people were banned, night buses in Punjab were cancelled and armed guards were posted on buses and trains during daylight hours.

Gandhi sent four ranking federal officials to run the state government, while the Punjab state legislature was suspended and the chief minister, Darbara Singh, was relieved of his duties.

The Akali Dal, a Sikh political group, has been agitating for more than a year to get rid of Singh, a member of Gandhi's Congress party, and for greater political and religious concessions from the central government.

Philippine Moslems warn of secession if troubles go on

MANILA (AP). — Prominent Moslem politicians warned yesterday that Moslems in the Philippines might form a separate nation if President Ferdinand Marcos does not quickly end internal strife and provide "justice for all."

The warning came as several thousand people, many of them workers from Manila's poorest district, demonstrated against Marcos. Between 2,500 and 3,000 people gathered peacefully in Amado Hernandez square of Tondo district, with some chanting "Marcos resign."

The rally, in an area of squatters' shacks, densely clustered low-income housing and markets, was preceded by a Roman Catholic mass at an adjacent church attended by the widow of slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

The Moslem politicians, regarded as moderates, issued a manifesto which strongly supported a recent call for national reconciliation by Roman Catholic Cardinal Sin, the archbishop of Manila and an outspoken Marcos critic.

"The Moslems of the Philippines have no desire to be dragged into the impending chaos and bloodshed," the statement said, warning that "unless national reconciliation with justice for all is speedily effected, we may be constrained to reassert the historical identity of the Moro (Moslem) nation."

Moslems number between five and 5.5 million of a population of 52 million which is predominantly Catholic. A Moslem rebellion centred in the country's southern islands has taken an estimated 50,000 lives over the past decade.

Rights violations continue in Latin America, study says

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Repression by government forces in some Latin American countries increased during the past 12 months, though the human rights situation improved in others, the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights said on Friday.

It named Guatemala, Surinam and El Salvador as countries where grave violations of the right to life had occurred due to illegal executions and disappearances.

It said that in Chile, 30 people had died and many had been injured as a consequence of repressive and disproportionate actions by the Chilean army and police.

In many countries in the region, respect for human life continued to be violated, though the human rights improvement was reflected by the calls for democratic elections, it said.

The commission's report, to be submitted to the Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly here in November, said: "In some nations, repression by government forces has been maintained or has increased."

The ICHR, an agency of the OAS, said Chile had not taken any steps to clarify the question of missing people, but the commission was pleased the government had allowed more than 3,000 exiles to return home.

Argentina had not solved any of the thousands of cases of "disappeared" people, and the amnesty law would make it impossible to determine responsibility for those who vanished, the report said.

The commission praised the Bolivian government of President Hernan Siles Suazo for investigating the fate of 130 people who disappeared during the previous military government.

"In an effort to terminate this abominable practice, the commission considers it convenient that the OAS declare the forcible disappearance of detainees as a crime that perverts humanity," the ICHR report said.

In El Salvador, it was announced on Friday that four bodies were found dumped on the north side of the capital and were found with them said the three men and one woman had been executed because they allegedly collaborated with leftist guerrillas.

The bodies showed signs of strangulation and torture. The statements signed by the Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez Anti-Communist Brigade said the four were killed because they were members of the Communist Party.

Summit love

PEKING (AP). — Japanese climber Michiko Takahashi has set out for Mount Everest, hoping to meet her husband, climbing from the other side, atop the world's highest mountain.

China's official *Xinhua* news agency reported that Takahashi, 41, left Peking for Tibet for the first attempt to climb the 8,848-metre (29,029-foot) peak from the north face in winter. She is leading a 32-member expedition, including 21 climbers and 11 support staff.

Her husband is leading another team trying to climb Everest from the south face in Nepal, and they hope to meet on the summit in mid-December.

U.S. Democratic candidates tongue-lash Reagan policies

NEW YORK (AP). — All seven announced candidates for the U.S. Democratic presidential nomination appeared together for the first time on Thursday, but aimed their criticism at President Ronald Reagan, not at each other.

Senator Gary Hart of Colorado, referring to tensions between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, said Reagan should not seek "to resurrect the cold war" but rather try to offer help to other nations, including those in the Third World.

Last week, Congress approved a resolution permitting Reagan to keep U.S. Marines in Lebanon for another 18 months, but also placed the conflict under the War Powers Act, which limits the ability of the president to commit U.S. troops to overseas conflicts. Many Democrats opposed the resolution and said there was no support among the American people for the president's foreign policies.

"The president of the U.S. is in violation of that resolution," Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina said.

Senator Alan Cranston of California also criticized Reagan's cuts in entitlement programmes and said the best way to cut those costs "is to get Americans back to work so they no longer need food stamps" and welfare.

Former senator George McGovern of South Dakota, who was the Democrats' presidential nominee against Richard Nixon in 1972, said Reagan was wrong in trying to deal with human rights violations around the world through "quiet diplomacy."

Senator John Glenn of Ohio, a former astronaut, said of his 1962 voyage into space in the Project Mercury programme: "When I was atop of that booster, I was not preparing for *Star Wars* or *Star Trek*. It was for the future of the U.S. I wasn't doing *Heaven of the Navy*." The latter was a reference to Reagan's acting career.

Former vice-president Walter Mondale was asked what the advantages and disadvantages were of the possibility of having a woman vice-president. He said that for 200 years, America has failed to take advantage of the "enormous insight, strength and understanding that the country could use" from women.

Former Florida governor Reubin Askew said he believes an equal rights amendment for women should be a part of the constitution "because it's right."

In Washington, Reagan on Friday appeared closer to announcing his candidacy for re-election after White House sources revealed the names of his campaign committee to be officially created on October 17.

White House political director Edward Rollins will be committee director, and Republican Senator Paul Laxalt, general chairman.

Under U.S. election law, the creation of a campaign committee ordinarily requires a politician to sign a statement of candidacy within 15 days. But it is possible to delay signing, and many observers do not expect Reagan to declare his intentions until November or December.

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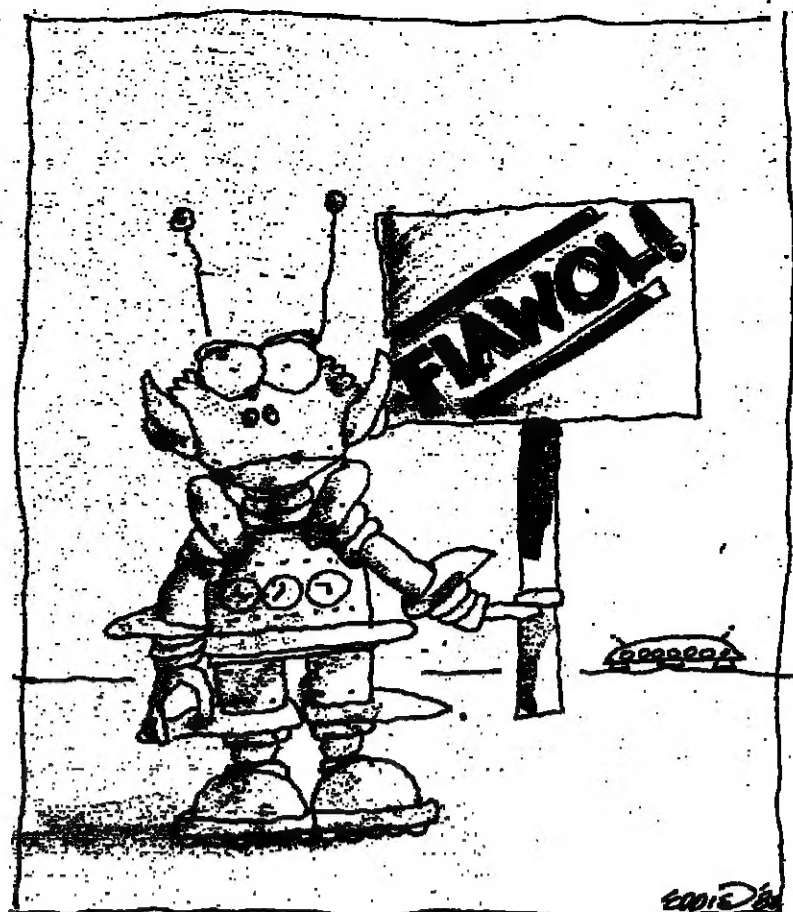
FIFTY-TWO-YEAR-old Haviva Yonai is probably the last person you'd suspect of being a science fiction fan. Serving coffee and sandwiches in her spacious Ramat Gan cottage, she looks like somebody's mother, which, in fact, she is. And had you brought up the topic of science fiction five years ago, she would doubtless have suspected you of strange tastes and inclinations. But now, armed with a B.A. in Hebrew literature and an M.A. in poetics and semantics, she's off on what, for an Israeli academic, seems a very strange tangent. Haviva Yonai is doing her doctoral thesis on the literary development of SF.

Science fiction "fandom" has been defined as: "The active readership of science fiction and fantasy, maintaining contacts through 'fanzines' and conventions." Which, in a way, is like defining a Jew as "a follower of the Mosaic faith." It is, in fact, a sub-culture. Fandom has a tradition and history, a language of its own, and values and beliefs that in many respects differ from those held by the mundane majority.

It is also cult-like in nature, insofar as fandom possesses a folk-consciousness, and practices a ritual of mass-meetings. What it lacks as a cult, however, is a charismatic leader and a central ideology. And rather than opt for the techniques of mass conversion and coercion, fandom is perfectly content with its ghetto status.

According to sociologists Phyllis and Nora Day, SF "fens" are "highly creative and individualistic, somewhat deviant, and possess a view of the future that decries present-day structures. They are highly intelligent, but are not in positions to gain them much wealth. Many are only or eldest children, on whom there were few demands for conformity. One might think that, to avoid what they consider the insanity of today's world, they withdraw into dreamworlds. That may be true, but only to a limited extent. They read SF and attend conventions to get another dose of reality, as it were, and then they return to the everyday world, with their ideals and dreams and visions to sustain them."

Most SF fens are white, middle-class, and under 40. Nor do they think of their interests in terms of a hobby. They use a slogan: FIAWOLI! — Fandom is a way of life!



Off on a tangent

Unlike her fellow 'fens' who live, sleep, eat and breathe science fiction, Haviva Yonai is intrigued by the literary aspects of this fantastic genre.

Sheldon Teitelbaum reports.

Haviva does not fit this category. The fanish aspects of the SF scene hold little interest for her, though she's just back from her first "con" — the 41st World Science Fiction Convention, which took place at the beginning of September in the new Baltimore Convention Centre. "It was really an overwhelming experience," she says, "and I didn't quite get my bearings until almost the end."

Unlike many of the other fens attending — numbering 10,000 during the whole five days of what was called "Con Stellation" — Haviva's leanings were more literary and seldom social. While the majority

evorted good-naturedly in home-made fantasy and SF costumes, partying through the nights, film-watching / war-gaming / fanzine-trading, arguing with authors, or lobbying for the next "Worldcon," Haviva did the lecture circuit, seeking literary advice from fellow members of the SF Research Association, drawing up bibliographies, and just picking brains.

"Not that I didn't like what I saw, mind you. The freedom and sense of community I noted in Baltimore was very appealing. I liked the fact that children, and even babies, were not only provided for by the organizers, but even included in SF-related activities. There were children's workshops on animation, special-effect techniques, story-telling and costume-making. It was delightful to see parents toting their costumed tots around the centre."

Having spent the last two years immersed in SF novels and short stories, Haviva is now ploughing through the considerable mass of secondary material on the subject, which she will have to master for the completion of her thesis. "My ideas on science fiction," she says, "have changed several times during the last few years. What's becoming clearer is that SF, as a genre, is constantly changing. In fact, someone with the gift of hindsight might surmise that it's already dead, given the recent thrust towards fantasy. It has certainly become more complicated, less reliant upon the 'hard sciences' and more literary. Also, much of what is called by fans 'mundane mainstream literature' has adopted many SF techniques and concerns. But be sure that SF as a genre won't pass on until it has lined up a suitable literary heir. And the successor will probably fulfil the functions SF fills today."

Surprisingly, perhaps, Haviva's choice was encouraged by the faculty members of the Theory of General Literature department at the University of Tel Aviv. "They've begun to take a very serious interest in modes of popular literature. They view writing as an important human endeavour which can be properly appreciated by considering all its aspects. To use an analogy, if you were a botanist, you wouldn't spend your entire time among roses and violets. There are other plants of equal value and interest, including fruits, vegetables, and even weeds."

behaviour. She is furious at me for deserting her at 8 a.m. and although she was able to overcome the separation long enough to play animal lotto and watch *Rehov Sum-Sum* on the *gan's* television, the mere sight of me at 1 o'clock ignites the smoldering rage. I try active listening.

"You're hungry and tired, dear, and when you feel this way, you want me to buy you something sweet. You get angry when I don't buy you what you want right now." A sincere hand on the head gets brushed off briskly.

"Perhaps you're also mad at me for leaving you at *gan*," I offer. Her whines are developing into cries, her cries into shrieks, an expression, no doubt, of her need to regress to the sweet breast.

But a shriek is a shriek, so I give in to one round of bubble gum before lunch, just like the dentist told me not to do. She promises to throw it into the garbage pail and miraculously, becomes grown-up and complacent, even happy.

I climb the stairs totally confused. Could it be my interpretations were wrong? Should I have bought the stinkin' gum at the corner and avoided the tragic Greek chorus? Or should I have put my foot down solidly and suffered the consequences no matter how noisy they be?

I have no idea. But fortunately, as I and my research assistants have discovered, the 8 to 1 Syndrome is only a pre-school disease. Next year, when Yael says *Shalom*, *Kita Aleph*, she will walk home by herself at 12 noon.

[This is the first of a series of columns on the hectic life of a mum-at-home.]

Mum's the word

The 8 to 1 Shalom Syndrome

Judy Labensohn

behind at 8 a.m. all grown up into a dirty, fun-loving, kindergarten, surrounded by buddies conniving their next move?

"*Shalom, Ima*," she cries with a broad smile. "I want to sleep at *gan*."

She leaps at me like the graceful ibex she is. "But you can't sleep here, sweetheart. Tomorrow you'll come back to play," I explain, catching her in mid-air.

Grudgingly, she leaves the sand-box behind and grasps my hand for dear life. Then the symptoms begin.

"I traded my sandwich with Tamar. Hers was yellow cheese and *chug*. Why don't you ever buy *zhug*, Ima?"

"Because I can't digest it, dear." "Buy me something sweet, Ima. I'm hungry. Why don't you ever buy me what I want?"

The *gan* is only 30 feet behind us. It is no later than 1:05, but Yael and I have entered a completely different realm of human relationships.

"You're a bad Ima. I'm going to live at Aliza's house," (the *ganen*, of course).

"I want something sweet right now," Yael commands with the firmness I associate with labour union threats.

It is time for deep chest breathing and relaxation exercises learned in the Lamaze class when Yael was a silent fetus.

We walk down Jerusalem's Derech Beit Lechem on the way to our third floor walk-up. I do some fancy Yemenite steps, maneuvering our way between the bakery on the left side of the street and the candy store on the right. Which is worse for the teeth, I wonder — those pink meringue cookies luring Yael's brown eyes or the pink *Bazooka* which might end up on my living room couch? Can I make it home without throwing my shekels away on junk? Without ruining Yael's baby teeth and appetite?

It is now 1:16. Her insistence is increasing. I see her eyeing all the other kids sucking lollipops and chewing toffees — the dangers that lurk on a busy street. By the time we reach the stairs, I have analysed the psychodynamics of Yael's

The divisions unite

The leadership of the United Israel Appeal's Women's Division has come to Israel for an encounter, writes Amy Levinson.

leadership from all over the world has met together. Although individual women's divisions of UIA have existed abroad for many years, they "were never amalgamated into one entity until two years ago, at which time I also became international president. The International Division is based in Israel because this is the 'central bank' of all our information regarding education, aliya promotion and fund-raising."

The leadership of UIA has been very supportive of the work of Zimmerman's young division, because it has realized that "We women are a force to be reckoned with, especially concerning education in Jewish

communities abroad." An international executive board of the UIA Women's Division which will convene in Israel twice a year, Zimmerman hopes, will be chosen on "Women's Division Day" during the convention.

The participants will also get a crash course on fund-raising strategies, education and canvassing techniques. Visits to kibbutzim, West Bank settlements and Galilee *nitzpim*, as well as workshops and lectures by local experts on aliya, history, the problems of Diaspora Jewry, and so on, are also part of the Migfash itinerary.

Zimmerman stressed the importance of educating the members of the Women's Division of UIA during the convention: "When you educate a man (about Israel or another subject), you are usually dealing with only one person. When you educate a woman, you are educating an entire family — or even a community."



Faigle Zimmerman, president of UIA International Women's Division

"By inviting these women to come to Israel within the Migfash framework, we are helping to achieve the UIA's goal of encouraging aliya. These women will become more aware of and committed to Israel, and will thereby influence their families and communities to begin thinking of life here as a viable option."

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

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Sports

Greg Norman outthinks Seve

WENTWORTH (Reuters). — Australian Greg Norman scored a dramatic upset win over heavily-favoured Spaniard Severiano Ballesteros here yesterday, and qualified to meet Nick Faldo of Britain in tomorrow's final of the world match-play golf championship.

The 28-year-old Australian, winner in 1980, outthanked the Spaniard's bid to become the first man to take the title three consecutive years with a one-hole triumph in a 36-hole battle in which he never trailed.

Faldo, 26, reassured his command over New Zealand veteran Bob Charles to score a six and five victory after having a six-hole advantage reduced to two in this morning.

The tall, blond Norman started the semifinal a definite underdog against Ballesteros. But after taking a three-hole lead early in the match, he was always in control.

"One hundred per cent concentration got me through," Norman said. "On a cold, wet day against the best player in the world, I knew I had to concentrate completely. I played thinking golf today," he added.

In the lashing rain, Norman moved ahead with a birdie four on the 35th hole after a day-long nip and tuck duel. Ballesteros put his second shot into the trees, and then three-putted for a bogey six. Norman held on to halve the last hole as the rain lashed down.

On Friday, a black day for the U.S. Calvin Peete, Bill Rogers and Hale Irwin were all eliminated in the quarter-finals.

Chelsea grab limelight

LONDON (Reuters). — Second Division Chelsea grabbed the English soccer stage vacated by their Division One counterparts yesterday as they found their goal touch in front of England manager Bobby Robson. The fashionable West London outfit stole the spotlight with a crushing 5-3 win over neighbours Fulham, highlighted by two goals from summer signing Kerry Dixon. Dixon scored Chelsea's first and fifth goals to take his total for the season to 14 and upstaged Fulham's Gordon Davies who hit a hat-trick.

With the first Division programme called off to help England's preparations for their vital European championship qualifying match against Hungary in Budapest on Wednesday, Dixon could not have picked a better time to display his predatory skills.

Division Two Results	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton 0, Portsmouth 3	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Cardiff 2, Carlisle 0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Derby 0, Barnsley 2	3	1	0	0	0	0	3
Fulham 3, Chelsea 5	4	1	0	0	0	0	3
Huddersfield 0, Grimsby 0	5	1	0	0	0	0	3
Manchester City 2, Swansea 1	6	1	0	0	0	0	3
Middlesbrough 1, Blackburn 1	7	1	0	0	0	0	3
Newcastle 2, Charlton 1	8	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed 1, Sheffield 1	9	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed 2, Oldham 1	10	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed 1, Oldham 1	11	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed 1, Oldham 1	12	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed 1, Oldham 1	13	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed 1, Oldham 1	14	1	0	0	0	0	3
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Sheff Wed 1, Oldham 1	17	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed 1, Oldham 1	18	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed 1, Oldham 1	19	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed 1, Oldham 1	20	1	0	0	0	0	3

Caesarea winners

CAESAREA. — Mair Neor and Lulu Givtsman headed the field home with a 66 net to take Friday's better-ball golf competition here. Yesterday's parallel event ended with the Herzliya duo Effe Beed and Dennis Goldstein comfortably ahead on 64 net.

An unusually large field is expected for the club's men and junior championships next week-end. The tournament is being sponsored by the French perfume firm Jacques Bogart.

Softball openers

Four teams remain unbeaten at the end of the opening day's play in the Israel Softball Association's annual Hapoel Open final tournament. 14 teams are competing on a round-robin basis.

Yesterday's results: — Lord Kitch Jerusalem 11, Anglian School 0; Lord Kitch 35, Promised Land 6; Mash 24, Kibbutz Galim 3; Barak's Bottle Club 17, Galim 3; BBCC 15, Kibbutz Galim 3; U.S. Embassy 12, Maccabi Givat Ze'ev 4; U.S. Embassy 22, U.S. Embassy 19; Shearman 13, Givat 6; Anglian School 19, Promised Land 12; Enok Hayarden 5, Kibbutz Galim 4; Western Galilee 14, Enok Hayarden 1; Western Galilee 23, Kibbutz Yotz'el 5.

National Soccer League

Firing all pistons, Netanya are back to form and winning ways

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Netanya yesterday finally broke their duck in the new soccer season — and they did so in style with a scorching 3-2 home triumph over leading aspirants to their title, Shimon Tel Aviv.

But while Netanya got back to winning ways, it was Hapoel Tel Aviv which surged to the top of the National League table with a 3-0 win over newly promoted Ramat Amidar, at the Bloomfield Stadium.

Italy won the World Cup in summer 1982 but has failed to notch a single victory ever since; the mighty Liverpool of last season have shown little sparkle this autumn: Israel's 1982 League title winners Hapoel Kfar Sava were relegated within a year; and the previously flamboyant Netanya had started the season with two defeats to prop up the table.

In face of such galling circumstances, accompanied by widespread scorn, coach Mordechai Spiegler took a philosophical approach. "That sort of thing can happen to any team. You peak and then a sharp decline can follow. My job now is not to talk about it, but to do something to stop it," "Mottelle" Spiegler told the Post on Friday.

And do so in handsome manner, his men certainly did. Eight thousand in Netanya saw a highly entertaining match between the first and second teams from the end of last season. Netanya tackled their psychological disadvantage with all-out offensive action. By the half-hour these tactics had paid off handsomely as they soared to a 2-0 lead. Benny Lamm, returning to the Netanya lineup after injury, gave a big boost to the attack. He opened the scoring in the 21st minute with a shot from close range. It was Lamm who slotted an accurate pass to David Lavie to add to the home lead.

Star striker Oded Machness may not be back in the side for several weeks, having torn muscles in his neck, but Spiegler had been hopeful at the end of last week about Lamm's speedy return to full fitness. "I do not believe in giving a player injections in order to play

him in the team, and thus risk him suffering worse injuries. I'd rather wait for a sick player to fully recover his health before playing him in a league match," the coach said.

His approach paid just dividends yesterday. Meir "Miki" Ben-Shitrit and Gideon Damiel led a Shimon revival after their early setback, Damiel hitting the post. With the start of the second half, Shimon attacked in waves. Ben-Shitrit scored two goals in the 52nd and 65th minutes, with snap shots. He has now scored four goals this season, netting in every game.

With the score at 2-2, it was Moshe Gariani who then led the Netanya revival. David Pisanti went close in the 70th minute, before Gariani sneaked in the Netanya winner in a goalmouth melee. Han Eyal cracked in a shot for 35 metres, which goalkeeper Yitzhak Balaish turned for a corner. From Gariani's shot after the corner, Balaish punched into his own net instead of holding the ball.

The Netanya win was a clear warning to all that once the team is back at full strength with Oded Machness back to lead the attack, it will take a lot of harding. Shimon, unlucky not to save a point yesterday, showed enough to convince fans that they will still win many games this season.

"Many people are already talking about Maccabi Netanya losing the championship. My players and I are going to do all we can to retain it," Mottelle promises.

The departure of Gad Machness to Hapoel Tel Aviv has enabled him to give 19-year-old Shimon Menachem the opportunity to gain a regular first team place in the Netanya defence. Spiegler is also getting regular reports about three Netanya youngsters who are on loan to Maccabi Herzliya, playing third division football. Netanya have a tradition of developing their home grown talent. "We certainly will not be the first to bring in overseas players," Spiegler said, commenting on this idea within the Football Association. He did think though that if good calibre players are brought here to join Israel teams they would

raise the standard of league football here.

Four thousand at Lod saw the home Hapoel team take the lead in the 46th minute with a Shlomo Haviv header. Chances looked good for Lod to notch their third consecutive win. But visiting Beersheba had different ideas. Herzl Pitussi, replacing Shalom Avitan at the head of the Negev attack, exploited a mistake by Lod keeper Yaacov Benodis to level the scores. Thirty-two-year-old veteran Rafi Eliahu cracked in Beersheba's winner from 25 metres out in the 78th minute.

At Bloomfield it was three fine shots by Rifat Turk, Eli Cohen and Moshe Sinai, that sank Ramat Amidar. Among the sparse crowd were also the Walford footballers, who will be playing against Israel's Olympic team at the same ground on Tuesday, kicking off at 5 p.m.

The biggest turnout of the day, 11,000 at the Kiryat Elazar stadium in Haifa, Maccabi Haifa thrashed Maccabi Tel Aviv 2-0. Maccabi Haifa played in a morning match without a crowd at Bloomfield, scored their first win of the season, 2-1 over Hapoel Yehud.

National League Results

Maccabi Netanya 3 (Lamm 21, Lavie 30, Gariani 78), Shimon 2 (Ben Shitrit 52, 65), Hapoel Lod 1 (Chen 46), Hapoel Beersheba 2 (Pitussi 63, Eliahu 78), Maccabi Haifa 2 (Rosenthal 3, Hamaia 84), Maccabi Tel Aviv 0, Maccabi Yotz'el 0, Bnei Yehuda 0 (Ely 9, Number 79), Be'er Sheva 0, Hakoah 0, Hapoel TA 3 (Turk 1, Eli Cohen 24, Sinai 82), Maccabi Ramat Amidar 0, Be'er Sheva 2 (Avi Cohen 46, Kirat 87), Hapoel Yotz'el 1 (Sulima 3, pen.), Maccabi Jaffa 1 (Tzoref 80), Maccabi Petah Tikva 1 (Dilon 85).

Hapoel Tel Aviv with seven points of a possible nine, leads by one point over five clubs — Hapoel Beersheba, Be'er Tel Aviv, Shimon, Hapoel Lod and Maccabi Haifa, each with two wins and one loss. At the other end of the table, Maccabi Yotz'el and Hapoel Yehud now prop up the table with only one point each in three games, below Maccabi Jaffa and Maccabi Petah Tikva, with two points from two drawn games each.

Second Division

Hapoel Petah Tikva 0, Hapoel Jerusalem 1 (Ben David 29), Be'er Sheva 1, Hapoel Shimon 0, Hapoel Upper Nazareth 1, Hapoel Beit Shean 0, Hapoel Ramat Gan 1, Hapoel Holon 0, Hapoel Margonit 2, Hapoel Hifa 3 (game stopped in 72nd min. when substitutes thrown out pitch), Hapoel Hadera 1, Be'er Haifa 0, Hapoel Kiryat Sela 1, Hapoel Kiryat Sela 0, Hapoel Kiryat Sela 0.

Watford to serenade Israel

Post Sports Reporter
Watford, arguably among the brightest stars in the English soccer firmament, are here for a brief visit during which they will play Israel's Olympic team on Tuesday.

Although they have not had a particularly auspicious start to this season and at present (as the top league takes a break for the England national side to prepare for a crucial European championship game on Wednesday) lie in the lower reaches of the First Division, Watford have won many kudos for their new attacking brand of football.

Their manager Graham Taylor, who was here last winter with the England youth team which he controls as well, has confounded the sceptics by promoting an aggressive style in line with a fresh philosophy of the basics of the game. "We are prepared to lose a game by committing ourselves all out to winning."

Under the unique chairmanship

of pop star idol Elton John, the club, located on the northern outskirts of London, revelled in a meteoric rise from the bottom league to last season's inaugural first Division performance which took them to runners-up spot. They were bested only by mighty Liverpool.

Despite their on-off success in the League this year and a shock defeat by lowly Huddersfield last week in the League Cup, that their character is unblemished was proven when they overturned a 3-1 first-leg deficit against the West German club Kaiserslautern in the UEFA Cup into a 4-3 aggregate triumph.

Especially since the departure of lively centre-forward Luther Blissett, Watford do not boast a galaxy of stars, but they have a team which specializes in demonstrating that teamwork and attitude are as important in football soccer as aptitude. It is a lesson Israeli players

and coaches will do well to absorb.

Tuesday afternoon's clash with the Israel Olympic team at Bloomfield Stadium should provide full entertainment and instruction value.

Pakistan impress

NAGPUR (Reuters). — Javed Miandad (60) and Zaheer Abbas (69 not out) steered Pakistan towards first innings lead in the third and final cricket Test against India here yesterday.

Despite the loss of two early wickets and accurate bowling on a slow pitch by Indian left-arm spinners Raghuram Bhat and Ravi Shastri, Pakistan ended the third day on 219 for four in reply to India's 245. The first two tests were drawn and this looks headed the same way.

In Hyderabad, West Indies hit 125 for one against India's South Zone on the opening day of a three-day match, scored by rain.

In Harare, "The Young West Indians" are 36 runs ahead with five second innings wickets standing after being forced to follow on during the second day of their three day match against Zimbabwe. The home side declared at 322-8 (Houghton 81) and then bowled the visitors out for 140 in their first innings (Ravens 6-40). The West Indians were 218-5 at the close in their second innings.

True fan

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP). — Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe, an avowed football fanatic, has disclosed where he wants to be buried when he dies — in Harare's Rufaro soccer stadium, a local newspaper has reported.

Banana, 47, who helped finance formation of the Tornadoes team a year ago, told the Star-of-the-Year banquet that an extract in his will states "When I die it is my desire to be buried at Rufaro stadium."

The president, who often dons boots and shorts to play with village youngsters and professional stars alike, explained that after he died "when Zimbabwe played at Rufaro they would have the added advantage of the invisible 12th man."

Wonder-boy Aaron Krickstein hopes to do well at Ramat Hasharon

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — When 16-year-old American tennis prodigy Aaron Krickstein last month beat his famed compatriot Vitas Gerulaitis in third-round singles competition at the U.S. Open to become the youngest-ever male player in the championship's 103-year history to reach the "round of 16," he climaxed a year of achievements which already insured him a special niche in the game's record books.

Krickstein, the grandson of a rabbi, was an overnight sensation when he beat Gerulaitis after coming back from a two-set deficit against an opponent who was the tournament's runner-up to John McEnroe in 1979.

The Detroit-area high-school student who went out to Yannick Noah in the fourth round finished the event at Flushing Meadow, New York, with 59 ATP computer points, to climb an almost unprecedented 309 places up the world singles rankings in one fell swoop. His current 180th position in the standings earned Krickstein direct entry to the Israel Tennis Centre's fifth grand prix starting tomorrow at Ramat Hasharon, in what will be his first tournament outing since the U.S. Open.

Krickstein had been a special "wild card" invitee to the main draw at Flushing Meadow, a reward for winning the 18-and-under U.S. national championships a fortnight earlier — just 12 days after his 16th birthday — which made him the youngest-ever holder of the singles title in the event's 67-year history.

As an amateur, he had to forgo the \$9,000 in prize money to which he was entitled at the U.S. Open.

World tennis

BAECELONA (AP). — Top seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden and Guillermo Vilas of Argentina met in the final of the \$175,000 grand prix here. Wilander defeated Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-3, 7-6. Vilas needed a tie break to defeat Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia 7-6, 6-1.

Australian Davis Cup star Pat Cash squandered nine match points before finally overcoming gritty American Brad Gilbert in an emotion-charged semifinal in the \$140,000 event in Brisbane. Cash, 18, overcame his bad temper and an aggressive opponent to clinch a final berth, winning a marathon two hour, 47 minute struggle 7-6, 6-7, 7-6.

The bubble burst for Davis Cup hero John Fitzgerald when he crashed in straight sets to countryman Paul McNamee 6-3, 7-6 in the other semifinal.

In Hapoel, Iron Lod lost Yannick Noah 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 in an exhibition match. Quarter-final results of the women's event in Detroit: Zina Garrison, U.S., def. Sylvia Hanika, West Germany, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Sharon Walsh, U.S., def. Barbara Potter, U.S., 6-1, 6-3; Kathy Jordan, U.S., def. Hana Mandlikova, Czechoslovakia, 6-0, 6-0; Virginia Ruzici, Romania, def. Wendy Turnbull, Australia, 6-1, 6-2.

ATHLETICS: British runners made a clean sweep of the first three places in the annual full marathon, run over the classic course from the ancient battlefield, but failed to match world-class times. Martin McCarty, 26, set the leading time at the marble Panathenaic stadium in the city centre in two hours, 25 minutes, 34 seconds. New Zealand defeated Japan 1-0 to complete a double triumph in an Olympic qualifying series. The Kiwis had won the first match 3-1.

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Tough week ahead for League teams

By DON GOULD

This week, even though there is a respite from European play, local basketball fans will enjoy plenty of action as round five takes place on Monday night and round six on Thursday. The tightly matched National Basketball League teams may have gone through a serious scramble for positions by late Thursday night. The closeness of the play has sparked added interest by fans and attendance figures have risen over those of previous seasons; this is taking place while many football fans appear to be staying at home.

Champions Maccabi Tel Aviv are now the only undefeated club in the league. They should keep this record intact, with an away game on Monday night against lowly placed Maccabi Haifa, although this team did upset them last year, and against Hapoel Holon at home on Thursday.

If the Thursday game was not be-

"But I plan to turn pro within the next month," the modest, down-to-earth youngster told *The Jerusalem Post*. For the coming two years Krickstein will be a "half-time" pro, dividing his time between studies and competition on the ATP circuit.

Krickstein, who is 179cm tall, had already established several records earlier this year on the pro-circuit, including becoming the youngest event to date in a grand prix event.

Following in the footsteps of his three older sisters — who were all nationally ranked tennis players — Aaron took up the game at the age of seven. His progress was so rapid that only a year later he won the 10-and-under singles crown at both the Orange Bowl world junior championships in Florida and the Michigan state championships. Nationally, he was ranked No. 1 in doubles in the 12-and-under division, and then in singles in the 14, 16, and 18 age groups.

Krickstein's first coach was his father Herbert, a former college player and a pathologist by profession, who comes from a long line of rabbis. More recently, he has been coached by Nick Bollitieri, whose charges include two more teenage stars, American Jimmy Arias and Canada's Carling Bassett. Aaron, who now lives with his tennis-coach sister in Florida, practises at least four hours a day when not playing in tournaments.

Krickstein, who has represented the U.S. in junior competition in Europe and South Africa, was a member of his country's squad for the Davis Cup tie in Dublin between America and Ireland. Refuting press reports that McEnroe was his usually graceless self on court, Krickstein states emphatically: "In fact, he behaved very well in Dublin, where everyone made a great fuss of him because both his grandfathers came from Ireland."

Krickstein has not let success at



AARON KRICKSTEIN — he's just 16, looks 12, plays like he's 21.

the U.S. Open in any way go to his head. With competition on the men's pro-circuit getting tougher all the time, he says that he is fully prepared for some setbacks in his chosen career.

Krickstein described the entry at the Ramat Hasharon grand prix as "very strong." But he feels that if the all-important draw favours him, he has a chance of doing well here.

Unseeded Israeli Russell Myers and Isha Sherr yesterday both scored second-round victories over seeded overseas opponents in Grand Prix qualifying competition at Ramat Hasharon. They meet today in the quarter-finals for a place in the main 32-draw. A dozen foreign players were among the 32 starters in the quarter, with the four semifinals going through to the tournament proper, which starts tomorrow.

Myers came through 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, against No. 2 seed Stefan Herrmann of West Germany, who is currently 267th on the ATP computer. Sherr defeated American Rod Crowley the night before in the quarter-finals. Also through to the quarter is local player Boaz Nikrich, but Gila Bloom was a 7-5, 6-4 victim of No. 6 seed Tim Viljoen of South Africa, 292nd on the computer.

Glickstein is tops again

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Amos Mansdorf produced some occasionally brilliant, hard-hitting tennis before eventually going down to Shlomo Glickstein in the final of the 1983 national tennis championships. The 6-2, 7-6, (7-2) victory provided Shlomo Glickstein with his seventh straight singles title.

Glickstein, 25, never finds it easy to play in tournaments at home, where the class of tennis is obviously different to the Volvo grand prix competition to which he is accustomed week in and week out. Even against such a talented performer as 17-year-old local junior champion Mansdorf, it looked at times that he was not going all out, and then, when finding himself under pressure and trailing 2-4 in the second set, he had difficulty in raising his game.

Despite these limitations there was an interesting duel, although both men contestants spoiled fine rallies with too many unforced errors. More importantly, Mansdorf still has to learn to control his emotions better. Glickstein, normally unflappable even in the direst of circumstances, might also have been induced to set a better example to his young opponent in face of the challenge of poor umpiring.

To do them justice, the uneven quality of the match was in no small measure augmented by some thoroughly inefficient umpiring and line calls. The 90-minute final was played in searing heat.



SHLOMO GLICKSTEIN — en route to seventh consecutive national title.

The doubles crown went to Eilon Sinai and Yair Wertheimer. Glickstein's immediate predecessor as the country's top player, who is now coach-manager of the university's elite tennis facility, in the finals, they edged Russell Myers and Andy Nour 6-4, 6-3.

The tournament was held for the first time at Tel Aviv University's Elite Sports Centre, but before the prize-giving ceremony, ITA chairman David Hararik announced that next year, the national championships will return to Jerusalem after an absence of more than two decades.

At the prize-giving ceremony, Hararik presented a special plate to Meir (Miklos) Samu, a longtime honorary executive member of the association to mark his 75th birthday and his great contribution to the development of tennis in Israel.

Standings

Team	W	L	Pts
Macc. Tel Aviv	4	0	8
Hapoel RG	3	1	7
Hapoel Haifa	3	1	7
Afula Hapoel	3	1	7
Hapoel TA	2	2	6
Hapoel Holon	2	2	6
Kiryat Motzkin	2	2	6
Macc. RG	2	2	6
Upper Galilee	2	2	6
Macc. Haifa	1	3	5
Be'er Tel Aviv	1	3	5
Macc. Druva	0	4	4

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ICE HOCKEY: Opening results from the NHL season — Boston Bruins 5, Quebec Nordiques 3; NY Islanders 7, Montreal Canadiens 4; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Washington Capitals 1; St. Louis Blues 4, Winnipeg Jets 6; NY Rangers 3, New Jersey Devils 1; Vancouver Canucks 10, Minnesota North Stars 9.

Women athletes honour their own
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A matter of trust

FOR THE past year, an increasingly nervous public was persistently assured by the Treasury and the banks that, despite the uncertainty in the money market, the shares of the commercial banks would be impregnable.

Those assurances, and the confidence reposed in them by the public, have now been proven to have been shallow indeed.

The public has now learned that those investors who did not believe the Treasury when it denied earlier this year that there would be a devaluation, and those who did not trust it on bank shares, were wise. And those that were trusting, were naive.

This assault on the public's confidence is itself only a sign of the desperate straits into which the Treasury, led by Mr. Aridor, has navigated itself.

Last week that lack of confidence sent Israelis, fearing devaluation, scurrying to the banks to convert their investments into dollars. Even the supposedly gilt-edged bank shares were dumped in favour of the dollar. The banks had been maintaining these securities at unrealistically high levels of yields, and they were completely liquid to boot.

Now with these shares under selling pressures, the banks were being forced to import millions of dollars to satisfy the demands of the sellers.

When the pressure became too great, the bankers turned to Mr. Aridor for help. He and they apparently saw the figure of \$7 billion, the dollar value of the commercial bank shares, as a looming nightmare. Together they decided that the investing public would have to foot the bill for its near panic. The securities would be turned into what are effectively five-year bonds, at much lower yields. And what was a liquid asset would now be sluggish instead.

For the small investor this means an immediate and substantial real loss. How substantial is not yet clear, because the Treasury has not yet divulged full details. Which means, of course, that investors are even more panicky.

For commercial firms which hold such shares, it means that these securities, now bonds, will no longer be the same effective collateral for purposes of loans.

And for the banks it will now be much more difficult to float new shares to raise funds for expanded activity.

The Treasury undoubtedly hopes that disposable income will now be diverted to government bonds and the government bond-linked savings schemes. But a public that has learned that even bank securities are no longer safe may well lose confidence even in government instruments and prefer to keep their holdings in foreign currency, whether in legal or illegal forms.

This is the real danger arising out of the Treasury's arrangement with the banks. That would be disastrous indeed for the nation's economy.

To prevent that, to restore confidence in the government's economic management, the action taken with regard to bank securities must be supplemented, and speedily, by an economic programme that makes sense to the country. And it must be done so by an economic leadership team in which the public will have confidence.

Mr. Aridor, who can confess to no errors, who can only blame others for the consequences of his wrong-headedness, has long since lost the public's confidence.

If he is now continuing at the helm was conceived wholly in terms of the Likud's inner political contests, it now has become an economic issue in itself. That issue is named trust.

REAGAN SCORES

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are actively involved in the Lebanese peacekeeping force.

"Can the U.S. or the free world stand by and see the Middle East incorporated into the Soviet bloc?" he asked. "What of Western Europe and Japan's dependence on Middle East oil for the energy to fuel their industry? Do we remember the oil embargo (of 1974) and the lines at our gas stations?"

Reagan went on to restate his support for Israel. "And didn't we assume a moral obligation to the continued existence of Israel as a nation back in 1948? I have never heard anyone in this country ever suggest that we should abandon that obligation."

While reaffirming support for his September 1, 1982 Middle East peace plan, the president said a

resolution of the Lebanese conflict is required first.

"Over the course of several months," he said, "Lebanon and Israel negotiated a friendly agreement for security of the border between the two. We stand by this as a good agreement."

"But Syria, which earlier agreed to withdraw if Israel does, changed its mind and today has some 5,000 Soviet advisers and technicians and a massive amount of new Soviet equipment in its country, including a new generation of surface-to-surface missiles — the SS-21."

"The presence of our marines as part of the multinational force demonstrates that Lebanon does not stand alone," he concluded. "Peace for the Middle East and a fair settlement of the Palestinian problem is truly in our national interest."

CONCILIATION

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"The Lebanese people cannot endure more misery, pains and losses," Wazzan said.

Wazzan announced his willingness to resign shortly after the cease-fire took effect, but Jemayel has declined to accept the resignation pending the outcome of the reconciliation meeting.

The French command, meanwhile, said that unknown attackers tossed explosives in the

direction of a French Army vehicle on patrol along Fuad Chehab Avenue, a main road between the city's Moslem and Christian sectors. No one in the French patrol or on streets nearby was injured, French officials said, and the vehicle was not damaged.

Lebanese opposition Druse leader Walid Jumblatt returned to Damascus last night from a tour which took him to Greece, Italy and the Vatican for high-level talks.

IN THEIR STRUGGLE for what they regard as their legitimate rights, the non-establishment religious groups in Israel make great use of two words: separation and pluralism. Now, it is true that in a fundamental sense these terms are related to each other. But recent developments, as well as a closer analysis, show that the two concepts are not identical, and may, in some situations, be contradictory.

If we examine, for example, the development of religious freedom in the United States, we shall see that separation and pluralism are intimately related.

On the one hand, the European experience had infused the founding fathers with an extreme aversion for state religions, and the cry for separation of Church and State was very loud. Naturally, when there is no state religion, the doors to pluralism are wide open. On the other hand, the fact that there already were many sects and denominations in existence in the 13 colonies made it easier and more natural to permit religious pluralism in the constitutional sense — the multiplicity literally compelled the avoidance of an "established" Church.

In fact, looking at the matter from a subjective Jewish viewpoint, one can safely say that tolerance for Judaism as a religion in the U.S. resulted less from a theoretical doctrine of separation than from the sheer compulsion of variety in religion, which, in turn, imposed a truce in theology. This theological and ecclesiastical truce led unavoidably to a tolerance of religious difference.

In Israel too, if we look at the development of pre-state, state in formation and 35 years of state existence, we shall see that the two forces of separation and pluralism were always at work. Certainly, the stream of secular Zionism moved in the direction of separation. But the precedents were all on the side of official religion. The British had taken over from the Turks a system of "multiple" state religions. When Israel took over from the British, the three major religions, Judaism, Islam and Christianity, continued to be officially recognized. Already we

Separation or pluralism?

By JACOB CHINITZ

see that pluralism and established religion are not always in contradiction. We shall see later that separation and monolithic structure are also not always in contradiction.

It has been said that one of the reasons why a written constitution was not created on the establishment of the State of Israel was this conflict between separation and official religion, and the wish to avoid a critical struggle over the issue. Be that as it may, in the first years of the state's existence, the secular forces, and even the liberal Jewish denominations, spoke in terms of separation. *Hafkadar dei ummedina* was the Hebrew form of the slogan.

One of the arguments on the liberal side was that the notion of official state religion was a vestige in a double sense: the precedent of Eastern Europe where Christianity was established; and the precedent of the Ottoman and Mandatory governments, where all three major religions were granted official status.

One of the arguments on the Orthodox side was that Israel could not be a Jewish state without Judaism as the official religion. I recall hearing from the lips of Golda Meir, certainly not a representative of Orthodoxy, at the 75th World Zionist Congress, that "with us it is different: religion and nationality are inseparable."

IN RECENT years we have not been hearing much of separation, but we do hear more about pluralism. In a recent issue of *The Jerusalem Post*, for instance, there was a discussion about the aid, or lack of aid, given to one of the Jewish liberal denominations, or, at

least, to one particular liberal congregation. I was struck by the anomaly of a religious spokesman on the liberal side shamelessly admitting — even boasting — that aid to his group was given by the local religious council. It seemed to me that 10 or 20 years ago, the principal position on the non-Orthodox side would have been that no government aid should be given to any religion, or denomination of a religion.

Again, in recent years the cry of the Conservative and Reform groups has not been in terms of separation but in terms of pluralism. We may add, whether out of sincere conviction or ideological opportunism, out-and-out secular voices have joined in this cry for tolerance of differences within Judaism in the name of pluralism. We can only conclude that indeed, establishment and pluralism can go together.

We must also conclude that separation and pluralism can go together. Neturei Karta illustrates the theoretical, and also actual, possibility of separation of religion and state in an extreme form. For this group, non-recognition of the state goes hand in hand with a completely monolithic religious ideology and structure.

THE TRUTH may be that neither the term separation nor the term pluralism can be taken in an absolute sense. There is no government in the world, be it the free, communist or third world, where there is an absolute separation between religion and state apparatus. If we substitute political ideology for religion, we see how this applies to communist as well as

to democratic countries.

In the U.S., it has been pointed out endlessly, there is a chaplain in each house of the Congress; there are prayers at presidential inaugurations; the phrase "in the year of our Lord" is found at the end of both the Declaration of Independence and the constitution, as well as in the official diplomas granted by state-supported institutions. These are only a few of the manifestations of religious doctrine and practice within the government structure and procedures.

As mentioned earlier, the fact that Israel was established as a Jewish state makes it even more difficult than it is in the U.S. to conceive of separation in an absolute sense. How many Israeli secularists would change the official day of rest from Saturday to Sunday, or remove the traditional holy days from the official calendar? It is therefore understandable that dissenting movements within Jewish religion would move from the doctrine of separation to the doctrine of pluralism.

THE CRUX of the matter, however, is that pluralism, too, cannot be taken in an absolute sense. Let us make an analogy between the political and the religious situation, and pose the interesting possibility of an extreme pluralism within the political sphere.

There are many political parties in Israel. However would anyone suggest that any political party has the right to secede from the state and form its own government? The rules of Israeli political pluralism are that the different parties and coalitions must struggle within the non-pluralistic, or monistic, state to achieve control.

Moving back to the religious field, is it possible that religious pluralism is also in need of a non-pluralistic, monistic, framework within which the different religious parties can, and must, struggle to win the hearts of their potential converts?

It is interesting to see how the pluralistic game is played. We have already seen how the issue of separation has been compromised, in terms of the acceptance of

government financial aid. In addition, Conservative and Reform groups have demanded the right for their rabbis to officiate at religious functions.

These liberal groups can legitimately point to the fact that within Orthodoxy there is an already existing pluralism. After all, there are two chief rabbis. What greater pluralism can one ask for? The National Religious Party and the Aguda, the National religious and independent streams in the educational system, are certainly symptoms of pluralism to include Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist groups?

I AM REMINDED of a pluralistic issue that arose in my Diaspora days. In my city, as in many American cities, there was a Board of Rabbis which included members from all three, later four denominations. A Reform rabbi applied for membership. The executive denied his application on the ground that the applicant was in the habit of performing mixed marriages in churches. The Reform members of the board presented a petition for the acceptance of the application in the name of pluralism and freedom of rabbinic action. The question was asked: Would you demand the acceptance of an application from a rabbi who was a Jesus freak? The answer was given: There are limits.

Exactly. There are limits. Pluralism as an abstract doctrine does not solve problems. Can we arrive at a basic religious structure within which the free play of pluralistic approaches can function? Or do we have to admit, sadly, that the nature of Jewish life and identity has changed so much that we can achieve pluralism within monism, diversity within unity, only in political terms? Does this mean that a minimum Jewish identity is possible only in political terms but not in religious terms? That forever after there shall be one president, one prime minister, one Knesset, one Supreme Court — and two chief rabbis, and a few religious denominations?

The writer has contributed articles to American and Israeli publications.

Blossom of hope

OFF MIKE
Michael Elkins



ced. The clash of policies is too extreme. The climate of public opinion is explosive, and this excess of partisan passions has thrust the national debate far beyond the influence of sweet reason or democratic tolerance. And in any event, it is probable that a national unity government at this juncture

might have served the country ill. But the point is not any of those. It is this: The six MKs broke the constraints of party and of coalition discipline in pursuit of their perceptions of the national interest. And they compelled the major parties to pay attention, at least to the extent of going through the motions of the

negotiations that the six MKs had demanded.

That's not much, perhaps; but neither is it — nothing.

These MKs have compelled increased acceptance of the concept — still largely heretical here — that one may vote one's conscience and do so not for reasons of personal political advantage. I am aware of the allegations that the MKs — or some of them — were jockeying for personal gain. But no one has produced any persuasive evidence to support these allegations. And, particularly in our atmosphere of rancour and calumny, it is useful to suggest that there is a point at which cynicism becomes terminally cancerous.

Therefore, it is fair, and might

even be useful, to give the six MKs the benefit of all doubts, and to give them careful and watchful encouragement. Who knows, it might prove infectious. It might encourage others toward similar concepts of the primacy of national interests.

I acknowledge that the hope is slight; but the grounds we have for optimism are so narrow and stoney that we are required to nurture any blossom of hope, however frail and timorous.

Indeed, there doesn't appear to be much alternative. For I do not concur with the widespread assessment that the Shamir government's tenure will be stormy and short. I think it will be "our" government for a considerable time to come.

READERS' LETTERS

RELATIONS WITH EGYPT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — A few days ago, I participated in the International Conference of the Organization for World Peace by Law which took place in Cairo. The Israeli delegation consisted of 14 lawyers headed by Mr. Yitzhak Nenner, and included the former President of the Supreme Court, Justice Moshe Landau.

At the conference, after the hostile speech of President Hosni Mubarak against Israel, the Egyptians tried to pass anti-Israel resolutions for alleged violations of the Palestinians' human rights.

I used the occasion to suggest a proposal for the agenda concerning the investigation of the fate of Raoul Wallenberg who disappeared without a trace at the end of World War II after being arrested in Budapest by the Russians. My purpose was to raise problems connected with the Holocaust and the past attitude of the world towards the Jews.

I spoke after the speech of the Egyptian representative, Dr. Ismat Abdul Meguid, a lawyer and former ambassador of his country at the UN, who, basing himself on the Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 insinuated that Israel was violating these rights by its attitude toward the Palestinians.

I pointed out that this Declaration of Human Rights was proclaimed after World War II following the extermination of the Jews in Europe. I added that, before debating human rights, one has to assure first of all the Right of Life of Man (3 of the Declaration of Human Rights). I raised this claim because of my personal experiences as a former prisoner in Auschwitz whose right of life was taken away and who was changed into a num-

ber, doomed to die. I even rolled up my sleeve to show them the number on my arm. For many of the lawyers of the world who were present, and especially those of the Third World, this was something of which they knew nothing. I emphasized that the struggle of the State of Israel for survival and security must be understood in the light of this tragic past.

This was the first time that a survivor of the Holocaust spoke about the fate of the Jewish people in an Arab capital and the response was not slow in coming. The Egyptian representative expressed his sympathy and understanding for my feelings and promised that Egypt would do everything to prevent a second Holocaust. But, he added: "It would be apt if the honourable Israeli representative would feel likewise towards the Palestinians."

This raised a storm in the hall and the Egyptian representative explained privately that he did not intend to make such a comparison and reaffirmed his support for the peace with Israel.

At every opportunity afterwards, when we met this representative and also the ordinary people of Egypt, we felt their yearning for the peace and their satisfaction at meeting Israelis.

The meeting of Israeli lawyers with their Egyptian colleagues contributed to the latter's knowledge about the developments and the cultural and social state of Israel. Despite the one-sidedness of our relations and the fact that practically no Egyptian comes to Israel, I am convinced that visits of Israelis to Egypt will do much for the cause of peace.

Tel Aviv.

ARIEH BEN-TOV

NESS ZIONA HOSPITAL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — In your article, "Simon and Garfunkel's young beneficiaries" (September 23), you quote remarks made by the mother of a child called Avinoam who had apparently been hospitalized in the Government Psychiatric Hospital at Ness Ziona. The mother says that she refused to keep her child there because of the "conditions."

I am a volunteer who has worked 20 hours a week for 16 months with the children in the closed ward of that hospital and therefore feel qualified to express an opinion on conditions there.

I can only say that the children's department is clean, airy and bright. The rooms are comfortable, the food is excellent and even more important, there is a staff of excellent, dedicated doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers and counsellors. The children are kept clean, well fed, and given a great deal of tender loving care as well as the best in therapy. The gardens and lawns are beautiful and there is a much-used swimming pool.

To summarize, I think that the hospital is on a very high level and is as good as or better than many in other countries.

Rehovot. NORMAN S. BOAS

THE BEGIN LEGACY

What causes a journalist to commit such a deed of omission? Temporary amnesia? Or premeditated malice? How sad it is — for the journalist — in either case.

A. KANS

Jerusalem.

Mark Segal comments:

The article referred to by Mr. Kans was the third in a series of articles on Menachem Begin's sudden departure and the advent of the post-Begin era in under three weeks. He will find ample tribute to Begin's role in achieving the peace treaty if he would bother to read beyond what he considers "premeditated malice."

SABBATH AD

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — A flyer advertising special reductions on Carmel carpets was found on the windshields of all cars parked at the Country Club one Sabbath at lunchtime early in September.

I expect I am right in assuming that this is the firm of MK Avraham Shapira who insists on keeping El Al planes grounded on

the Sabbath thus inflicting heavy losses on our sorely tried finances.

How come that a man who imposes unbearable financial burdens upon the nation to satisfy his public conscience does not mind that his private business is furthered on Sabbath?

TRUDE PHILIPPOHN

Ramat Gan.

VISITING SAFAD

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — My husband and I were very happy to see your feature article on September 23 on Safad, since we had made plans to stay there this week. Yesterday, we went on Haim Sidor's walk and I am writing to let you know that it was not only as informative as Haim Shapiro's article, indicated, but very enjoyable as well.

We took along our baby in a stroller and were pleased to note that an effort seems to have been made to keep steps to a minimum — no mean feat in Safad. I am sure the older people appreciated this as well.

S. R. COHEN

Safad (Jerusalem).

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